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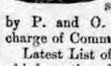

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SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION,
SUIT No. 705 OF 1904.

HANSRAJ VALJEE.....Plaintiff.
vs.
NANALAL AMBARAM.....Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ADJOURNED SALE of the right, title and interest of the abovenamed Defendant will be proceeded with on the premises at Matunga, Upper Mahim, without the Fort on the 13th day of February 1907 at 3-30 o'clock P. M. (S. T.) Dated this 12th day of February 1907.

T. W. CUFFE,
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MESSRS. MULLA & MULLA,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *February* 11.] [BOMBAY, *February* 12.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Pins.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols	86⅛		¼
3 do. Reduced	95½		¼
3½ do. Sterling Loan	103 1/4		¼
3½ do. Govt Securities	65½	un	chgd
Bar Silver in London	31½		⅛
Do. do. 2 months' hence	31⅛		⅛
Do. in New York	mutilated		
Exchange on London at Paris	25 2 7	1	
Do. do. do. Berlin	20 53	⅛	
Do. do. do. New York	mutilated		
Discount Bank of England Rate	5%	un	chgd
Do. Short London Bills	4½%	un	chgd
3 months' sight			
Do. Indian Bank Bills	4½%	un	chgd
6 months' sight			
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	5%	un	chgd
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	5½%	un	chgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans	4½%		
Do. 7-day Market Loans	4½%	un	chgd

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) ... ... 1s. 3 1/16d. unchanged.
Transfers on Calcutta Rs. 6 00 000 at ... 1s. 4 1/16d

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Silver to Calcutta	£ 300 000
Gold " "	£ 40 000

COTTON.

Liverpool—	
Spots	Easier
Futures	Easier
East Indian	Quiet
Manchester	Firm
Total Sales	9 000
Sold on Speculation and for Export ...	1 000
Imports	2 000
Mid-Americans	6 0/32
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ...	10 plus 1/32

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May.-June
5 61	5 60	5 53	5 57
— 03	— 03	— 03	— 03

June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov
5 55	5 52	5 47	5 43	5 39
— 03	— 04	— 03	— 06	— 06

New York:—

Receipts at U. S. Ports	...	28 000 bales.
Do. do. last year	...	21 000 "
Exports to Great Britain	...	11 000 "
Do. to Continent	...	32 000 "
Spot Cotton—Mutilated		
Futures—Month of March	9 38—10	First tone Mutilated, Declined through liquidation.
Do. do. July	9 63—09	

New Orleans—

Spot Cotton—10 1/16 unchanged
Futures—Month of March 10 31—09
Do. do. May 10 33—09
Closing Tone of Futures—steady

WHEAT.

Red Karachi. 30 old Terms. Feb-March. London, Done Canal.
Tone of Wheat, Firm
Wheat afloat for U. K. Qrs. ... 2 340,000

SEEDS.

Rapeseed—
Brown Cawnpore 42 ½ Apl.-May Antwerp. Done Canal.
Tone of Rapeseed, Firm

Linseed—
Bombay per 416 lbs., ex-ship 43½ Feb.-Mar. Havre-Sellers. Canal.
Tone of Linseed, Firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality). Mutilated.

Sugar—
German granulated Sugar, double bags, C. and F. India, 11s. 7½d.
Months of Shipment Mar.-Apl. Sellers.
Tone of Sugar, steady.

RUBBER.
Para Rubber ... 5 1½ value.

ARRIVALS :—
" Ville-de-la-Ciotat "

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value	From	Vessel.	Importer.
1 Box Bullions.	Rs. 75,774	Melbourne	Arcadia	Mercantile Bank of India
2 Boxes Bullions	1,31,571	Sydney	Arcadia	Mercantile Bank of India

BOMBAY MARKETS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON] [12TH, FEBRUARY 1907

Money!—
There are borrowers at 7½ per cent for two months.

Exchange!—
The Market opened firm at Is. 4 1/16d. T. T. and Is 4 1/16d. on demand, at which there were few buyers Is. 4 1/16d. T. T. might be done for this week. The credit rate is steady at Is. 4 1/16d 3 months' sight with few bills offered. Far Eastern rates are quiet We quote:

T. T. on London	Is. 4 1/16d. to 5/32d
Demand Draft	Is. 4 1/16d to 3/16d
Credits—3 months' sight	Is. 4 1/16d
Do. 6 months' sight	Is. 4 1/16d.
Do. 3 months' sight—Francs	172½
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.	141½
Hongkong—30 days' sight	161
Yokohama—30 days' sight	148½
Shanghai—30 days' sight	220½

Government Paper!—
The Market opened at 97½ ready and 97 1/16d for the settlement. Later on the market became slightly steadier and the ready rate advanced 1/16. Business is on small lines. We quote :—

Cash	97-7
1st Settlement	97-9

Bombay Port Trust—

4 per cent. (1922)	102	8
4 per cent. (1930)	102	8
4 per cent. (1932)	102	8
4 per cent. (1965)	102	8

Bombay Municipal Debentures—

4 per cent. (1934)	101	12
5 per cent. (1946)	101	12
5 per cent. (Taxes)	119	0
5 per cent. (Sanitary)	117	0

Bombay Improvement Trust—

4 per cent. (1939)	102	0
4 per cent. (1964-65)	102	0

Bullion :—
Bar silver in London is 1/16 down at 31½ ready and 31 15/16 for delivery forward in two months. Locally there is little doing, either ready or forward, and the ready rate closes steady as under. Forward rates are noted below. Bar gold is unchanged.

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	2	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	1	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	1	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	80	0	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	80	3	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement ...	80	9	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—
The telegrams to hand this morning advise a further decline in the Home markets. Locally there is little change to report, though prices are a trifle easier for some descriptions. There is rather more enquiry for ready cotton, but for forward delivery little business is reported, exporters being more or less out of the market. The Liverpool opener had not arrived up to the closing of the market.

Quotations :—

	Rs.	Delivery
Fine M. G. Broach	254	March
Good " " ...	240/41	do.
Fine " Nagpur	218	do.
Fine " Dhamangaum ...	208	do.
Fine " Khangaum Akola ...	200	do.
Fine " Amraoti	201	do.
Fine " Muttia	185/81	do.
F. G. " Khandesh	183	do.
Fine " Khandesh	188/89	do.
Fine " Bengals	174/5	do.
F. G. M. G. Bengals	157	do.
Good Westerns	226/27	May
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	233/40	do.

FREIGHTS.

The market is steadier and speculators are asking 15s. for March, April and May. There is a moderate amount of booking for near shipment at previous rates.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

Ready ...	Rs.	7	3 0
April-May ...	"	7	7 6
Tone—firm			

	Rs.	a.	p.
Rapeseed :—			
Brown Cawnpore Ready ...	7	2	0
" " Apl.-May ...	7	0	0
Yellow " " ...	7	13	0
Brown Kutni ready ...	7	7	6
Tone—Firmer			

Gingellyseed :—

Bold white	85%	Rs.	50	0	0
" "	75%	"	49	0	0
" "	50%	"	48	0	0
Black Kutni		"	41	0	0
Tone—Easier					

Castorseed :—

Ready	Rs.	35
April-May	"	34
Tone—Quiet		

Cottonseed : Rs. 19/4
Tone—Easier

Groundnuts :—Rs. 42
Tone—Easier

Wheat :
White Delhi ... 4 7 0
Tone—Quiet

Shares :—

Maneckjee Petits ...	Rs.	3535	March.
Kohinoors	"	815	"
Bank of Bombay ...	"	1322½	
Port Canning	"	430	"
Bombay Steam Navigation Coy Ld. Preference Shares	"	202½	

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the week.

Cotton	15 657	bales.	
Wheat	6,794	cwts.	
Linseed	7 132	"	
Rapeseed	2 244	"	
Gingellyseed	20,061	"	
Poppyseed	9	"	
Groundnuts	2 403	"	
Cottonseed	5 661	"	
Rice	2,751	"	
Myrabollams	4 310	"	
Cottonseed	32 315	"	
Gram	5,625	"	
Jowar	1 653	"	
Maize	349	"	

BANK OF BOMBAY

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 2nd February 1907, as compared with the statement of 26th Feb. 1907 :—

LIABILITIES.	Feb. 2. Rs.	Feb. 9. Rs.
Capital ...	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund ...	94,00,000	94,00,000
Public Deposit at Head Office ...	36,29,167	49,49,507
Public Deposits at Branches ...	47,21,136	42,05,329
Other Deposits ...	779,83,342	7,83,74,864
Post Bills ...	15,667	15,667
Sundries ...	16,42,746	16,49,731
	10,73,92,058	10,85,58,754
ASSETS.	Rs.	
Government Securities ...	1,38,43,2 7	1,33,50,097
Other authorised Securities ...	34,59,303	33,98,680
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities ...	1,59,61,635	1,64,20,822
Loans do. do. do. ...	2,41,16,203	2,33,80,564
Bills discounted and purchased ...	2,18,39,749	7,15,37,468
Dead Stock ...	3,24,966	3,24,966
Stamps ...	4,504	4,469
Bullion	13,68,487	12,71,901
Balances with other Banks ...	7,12,936	6,9,974
Sundries ...	1,52,968	1,10,827
Cash ...	2,56,09,000	2,76,69,766
	10,73,92,058	10,85,58,754

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	1	1	7
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	4	3	14
C Market, Dhobi Talao Parkwady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada ...	8	9	29
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Malabar Hill ...	1	1	10
Mazagon, Parwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	3	2	26
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	0	0	7
G Mahim and Worli ...	0	0	11
Water Division ...	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	3	7
Total ...	17	19	111
Total plague deaths to date ...	134,593		
Same date last year ...	21	19	145

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

HALPERN.—Feb. 2, at 78-1 Wellesley St., Calcutta, Minna, the dearly beloved wife of Ernest J. Halpern, aged 25 years.
KILLOWAY.—February 2, at an her residence, Civil Lines, Jubbulpur, Mrs. Eliza KilloWay, beloved mother of Telegraph Master A. Killoway, aged 64 years.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 9m.; Sun sets, 6h. 38m.; High water, 11-52m. Low water, 5-57m., 5-46a.
Bombay Races, first day.
Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p. m.
Akola and Mid Indian S., W., and Mannfacturing Company, Whiteaway and Laidlaw Building, 4-30 p.m.
Lord Reay Manufacturing Company, 12-14 Church Gate Street, 4 p. m.
Gaiety Theatre, Bandmann Opera Company.
Harmston's Circus, Esplanade.
B. B. R. A. Society, General Meeting, 6 p.m. (?, T.)

WEDDING AT BHUJ.—An interesting marriage took place at the chief town of Cutch on the 7th instant between the grandson of Mr. Sachedinabhai Nanjiani, Assistant Revenue Commissioner, Cutch State, and Miss Gulbhano, daughter of Mr. K. R. Nanjiani, Head-Master, Broach High School. The bride was given away by her father. In connection with the festivities a remarkable and novel feature was the exhibition of a tree of toys. Each toy as it dropped down from the artificial tree was handed over by the grandson of Mr. Nanjiani, one at a time, to children of tender age who were present on the occasion. It was a unique exhibition and proved a delightful treat to the little children for whom it was intended.

BAND AT THE MAHALUXMI RACES.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel J. S. MacNeil and Officers of 1st Battalion, the G. I. P. Ry Vol. Band will play the following Programme of Music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 3-30 p. m. to-day.

March ...	Whistling Rufus ... Kerry Mills
Overture ...	Stradella ... Flotow
Lancers ...	Army and Navy ... Coote
Selection ...	The Gaiety Girl ... S Jones
Two Step ...	Brooklyn ... Thurban
Selection ...	The Toreadore ... Caryll
Aria Cornet Solo ...	Jeanne Huchitre ... Concone

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

There will be a matinee at Harmston's Circus this afternoon and this evening there will be an entire change of programme. Cecile and Francois, specialty artistes will make their first appearance here and high jumping and diving by dogs should prove a popular feature of the entertainment There will be new riding acts and the Collins Princess Quartette will make their appearance.

The following are the names of horses competing in High Jumping Contest :—

Mr. Ryan's "Snowflake" ; W. M. Clavin's "Great Scott," G. Cresse's "Freedom," J. Root's "Fairfield." J. Logan's "Sea Gull," W. Morton's "Banjo," and Mr. Leod's "Bluster. Won by Bluster with Sea-Gall, a good second, Height 4 ft. 8 in.

IS ELECTION BY JUSTICES AN ANACHRONISM?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR :—The result of the ensuing election will supply the right answer to the above. From the present agitation, it seems the question before the electorate is not, which candidates are to be returned, but rather to justify its existence as a separate electorate. Bombay is no longer what it was thirty years ago. It was then quite fitting when the Town-Council mainly consisted of Justices, that Justices should have been formed into a distinct electorate, especially when public spirited men were scarce and men of education fewer still. Now the times have altered. There are more candidates in the field than there are seats, and the interest evinced by men in matters Municipal is all the more encouraging.

Have any questions of public policy or of vital interests been submitted to the Justices of the Peace, and their votes solicited ? I fail to see such issue before the electorate. Rather it has been ostensibly called upon, to record its opinion on certain acts of persons which were in no way connected with the welfare of the city. To be frank, the only pronouncement awaited with interest, seems to be "when the cats are away, the mice may play." Why do voters seek protection against the advances of the candidates and their agents ? Are they so shilly-shally and unfitted.

No better compliment could have been paid to the Municipal Administration of the city than that high officials should have found time and will to seek the suffrages of the Justices, simply, I presume, to be untrammelled by any official influence. It goes without saying that these officials would have been nominated by the Government as usual. The return of any independent minded official does not necessarily mean an exclusion of councillors who have by their life-long devotion raised the city to its present pre-eminence—the first City in India.

I for one, would like to see Justices vote along with rate-payers as graduates do; and so there will be available more seats for redistribution among different Wards, especially when regard is had to the present increase in the population and the general rise of its culture.—Yours &c.

ONE FOR JUSTICE.

THE London Correspondent of the *Times of Ceylon* telegraphed on the 30th ultimo :—" It is now probable that if the Chancellor of the Exchequer agrees to receive a deputation, it will consist of both the Joint Committee and the Anti-Tea-Duty League, including the Parliamentarians. In any case, both the Joint Committee and the League mean to bring their views before the Government."

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

ROBBERY FROM A MAIL TONGA.

On the Appellate Side of the High Court, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Pratt have disposed of an appeal preferred by Babajee Yellapa, who was in January last convicted by Mr. J. Walker, Sessions Judge of Belgaum, of robbery and was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for seven years.

The case against the accused was that, about 4 a.m. on the 12th ult. he and three other persons stopped the mail cart proceeding from Chikodi to Chikodi Road Railway Station, a distance of about sixteen miles, seized Narayen Shesho, a passenger, and made him give up Rs. 15 in cash and his watch, the latter of which, however, they returned to him along with one rupee. Threats and violence were said to have been used. Accused was afterwards found wearing a coat which was taken from complainant that night. The accused denied having committed the offence and said that the coat, which complainant claimed, was not his property and was not found on him. The Court had before it the evidence of the complainant and the tonga-driver, and the fact that the complainant went to the police at 8 a. m. on the 13th to complain. The driver was struck with a stick and complainant, who had run away, was forcibly brought back a distance of a furlong, and by threats of beating was made to give up money. Then there was the finding of the complainant's coat on accused's person. The complainant avers it was a moonlight night, that the scuffle lasted fifteen minutes, and he certainly recognised the accused. The jury convicted the accused, an old offender, and he was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for seven years.

Their Lordships summarily dismissed the appeal.

A PICKAXE CAUGHT IN A BAG OF MONEY.

THE Hon Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Pratt, presiding on the Appellate Side of the High Court, have disposed of an appeal preferred by Bhagu bin Krishna Dake, who was convicted by Mr C. A. Kincaid, Sessions Judge of Poona, of dishonestly receiving stolen property (three offences) under rather peculiar circumstances, and was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment for each offence to run consecutively, or in all six years. He was also ordered to report his residence or any change of residence for five years after release.

The accused was charged with having dishonestly received property worth Rs. 98, stolen from Gungadhar Govind and Shankar Bapujee Chaskar, and with having dishonestly received property worth Rs. 221-8-0, belonging to one Gangabai Mogatlai. There were really three offences laid against the accused, the first two being closely connected. These appeared to have occurred sometime on the night of the 15th or the early morning of the 16th October. Owing to the plague in Poona, Gangadhar Govind went to live in a hut outside the city. Before leaving his house, he had carefully secured his boxes and the outer door with padlocks. On the morning of the 16th October, he received information that his house had been broken into. He found his padlocks smashed open, and inside the house his goods scattered about. The other man Shankar, before going on account of the plague to live at the Railway station, had padlocked his cupboards and boxes. These also had been rifled. The two left the house together, and informed a police sepoy that there had been a robbery. Somewhere about the same time, the house of Gangabai was broken into. In August last, she had, with her brother, gone to live in Yeola in Nasik district, leaving the key of her house with a neighbour. On the 21st October, she received from him a telegram to the effect that her house had been rifled. She went to Poona and found that the padlocks on her boxes and cupboards had been either wrenched or broken off. The next chapter in the story was furnished by a head constable named Shivram. He had on the 24th October, arrested the accused in Bombay in connection with quite another theft. Shivram learnt from the accused that he had pledged certain ornaments and clothes with a Marwari in Bombay. The Marwari at once produced clothes, which were subsequently identified. On the afternoon of the same day, the room in which Bhagu resided was searched. It had been searched seven or eight days before, and nothing was found in it. On this occasion, the head constable sent for a labourer who dug up the whole floor knee deep, from the door to the hearth. He was at last rewarded, for all but under the fire-place his pick axe was caught in a bag, which when unearthed and opened, was found to contain silver cups, ornaments, and rupees. Accused was convicted and sentenced to an aggregate term of six years' rigorous imprisonment.

Their lordships dimissed the appeal.

SMALL CAUSES COURT.

A CASE UNDER THE DECCAN AGRICULTURAL RELIEF ACT.

At the Small Causes Court, Yesterday, His Honour the learned Chief Judge, Mr. R. M. Patel, disposed of a suit instituted by one Ebramjee Dawoodbhai and another, against the Defendants Dhanjibhoy Limjibhoy and Co., trading in Bulsor, for the recovery of Rs. 1037-8, being the amount due on an agency account, which the Defendant Company agreed to pay under a bond executed on the 15th September 1905. Mr. Bomanji appeared for the Plaintiff, the Defendant Company being represented by Mr. Utfamram.

The allegations of the Plantiffs are that they acted as Commission agents for the Defendant Company and spent and paid money on their account up to 24th October 1900, on which day the amount was adjusted and acknowledgment passed by the Company ; that there was a balance of Rs. 1,000 which the Company agreed to pay by two annual instalments of Rs. 500 payable on the 30th June to each succeeding year ; and that the Company failed to pay the instalments due on 30th June of 1905 and 1906 in spite of repeated demands.

Plantiffs therefore seek to bring the suit within the period of Limitation and pray to the Court to give a decree against Defendant Company for the amount of Rs. 1,000, together with Rs. 37-8 on account of interest.

Mr. Uttamram on behalf of the Defendant Company requested the Court to permit him to argue the case from the relief granted to his client by the Deccan Agricultural Relief Act, and failing which, to enter on the other question involved in the case. The Court having consented, he remarked at the outset that the parties were Agriculturists and that the Court had no jurisdiction to try the suit. After hearing arguments from both vakils and taking into account the circumstances of the case, the Chief Judge held that the Defendant Company derive their income mainly from Agriculture, and that under Section 2 of the Act, he had no jurisdiction to try the case. The suit was therefore dismissed with costs.

KARACHI MANŒUVRES.

Abandoned Through Stress of Weather.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, FEBRUARY 12.

The interesting manœuvres that were being carried out by the Karachi Brigade were brought to an abrupt and untimely termination on Sunday morning, owing to a severe thunderstorm and heavy downpour of rain which occurred on Saturday night.

The Troops had stuck bravely to their work in spite of the inclement weather of the previous days but when it was found that the trenches filled with water as rapidly as they could be dug it was decided to abandon operations and the men were marched back to barracks.

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Bombay, February 13.

159 DRILLS.

No. 2 Company—Thursday the 14th instant.
10th R M L Gun Drill at Nesbit Road Hd-Qrs at 2 p.m.
Dress—Plain clothes.
There will be a meeting of N C O's of No. 2 Co after drill on Thursday the 14th instant.
E E Co—To-day Wednesday the 13th inst
Parade at Apollo Bunder at 6-30 p m and proceed to Middle Ground for manning Defence Light stations

160 PRACTICE.

Saturday the 16th instant.
There will be aiming Rifle Practice at Middle Ground for Nos 1 and 2 Co Parade at the B V A Club at 4-30 p.m.
Dress—Khaki and Caps.
All members are requested to turn out in the new pattern service Caps.

R. W. R. PENNINGTON, Capt.,
Ag. Adjutant B. V. A.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

A RED LETTER DAY.

The *Indian Spectator* facetiously remarks :—The 4th of February 1907 will ever be regarded as a red letter day in the annals of the Health Department of the Bombay Municipality. The rats of Fort Ward North will observe it as a day of fasting and mourning. On that day the valiant soldiers of the Health Department bravely marched upon the strongholds of the rodents in that particular part of the city, and with great strategic skill laid nearly a lakh and twenty thousand baits for the mischievous enemy. Nearly seven hundred men were engaged in this campaign. Who can describe the scene that presented itself the next morning ? Seven hundred of the brave, —the brave that are no more—all fell into the traps or sank dead on the floor, and were conveyed to the Parel Laboratory. This war against our subterranean fellow-subjects is to be a war of extermination. The Hague Conference does not interest itself in the preservation of rats. Do these serve any useful purpose ? Apparently not, though cats may think otherwise. It is understood that the rats have resolved not to desert any house until the Municipality raises it to the ground. It would be treason to side with the enemy. So we heartily sing the Municipal Anthem. It is proved that the bubonic plague is a rat disease, which is communicated to men by the rat-flea. Either the rats must be destroyed, or the fleas.

THE AMIR.

The *Kaisar-i-Hind* states :—According to all newspaper reports, His Majesty the Amir of the "god-granted" Kingdom of Kabul, has been immensely amusing himself, and affording amusement to the people, in Calcutta since the date of his arrival there. The metropolis is generally very gay during the Viceregal season ; but Lady Minto's fete has this time made it doubly gay. No wonder that the Amir has caught the contagion of gaiety, though, being a devout Mahomedan, he is mindful enough to be grave, specially when it is time to pray, never mind where he may be, whether in the stall of the fete-organisers themselves or in a quiet corner in a princely trader's shop. This pleasing attitude of Habibullah indicates that he is not above pleasure when so inclined. Under the rough exterior of the Central Asian warrior is to be discerned the soft mannered man of society who is not unwilling to bend under certain favourable conditions. That is one aspect of his character. But there is another one, too, in respect of his many doings at Calcutta which has afforded so much delectable pabulum to contemporary chroniclers. The Amir is deliberately trying to leave the impression that whatever he may be as the sovereign of Afghanistan and whatever his political relations with the Government of India, he is for the time being an honoured guest of that entity, and so far, he is bound to show himself as "a jolly good fellow," and win golden opinions all round. So under cover of this gaiety we may discern the bright side of the shield of Afghan diplomacy.

The *Gujerati* observes :—His Majesty is not habituated to fixed appointments and programmes in his own country and we can well understand if he is reluctant to allow his movements to be fettered by engagements of a public character. All the same we wish he had seen his way to accept an address of welcome, at least from the Municipal Corporation, as representing this city. The Amir's visit to this country is likely to be productive of lasting good. It has placed the relations between the British Government and the Amir on a friendly and amicable footing and cleared up many misunderstandings and misimpressions. The Amir has seen a good deal of what modern civilization has done for India and also formed some conception of the power, strength and methods of the British Government. How far his Indian experience is likely to influence the future of Afghanistan it is not easy to foresee. But the people of India have already discovered in him an able, firm-minded, shrewd, tolerant and magnanimous ruler, and we have no doubt the inhabitants of Bombay would have been glad to accord him a cordial and formal welcome, if they had an opportunity of doing so. All the same we welcome him to this second city in the Empire and sincerely hope that his sojourn in this great centre of education and commerce will inspire him with the ambition to bring his kingdom and his subjects into line with the rest of the civilized world.

H. H. THE AGA KHAN'S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.

Says the *Indian Spectator* :—There is a broad-mindedness about H. H. the Aga Khan's political philosophy, which invites a comparison with the late Mr. Tata's. He has travelled much, observed the affairs of many countries in the East and in the West, and hence he knows, more by induction than by instinct, the lights and shades of the administration in India. He is a friend of the progressive school, because he has seen progress elsewhere. His article in the "National Review," therefore, could not have been conceived in a fault-finding spirit. It may be doing injustice to him to make adverse comments on the summary which has been telegraphed. The strongest sentiment attributed to him in the summary is to the effect that it is impossible to give real governing power to the people of India. He speaks apparently in the present tense, and no one is likely to challenge the literal accuracy of his assertion. When Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji feels himself unequal to the "hardihood" of demanding an immediate concession of self-government to his countrymen, the Aga Khan cannot be accused of blasphemy if he says the same thing in other words and gives his reasons therefor. He sees discontent in India : Mr. Dadabhai would not deny its existence. Discontent is not dissatisfaction. The Aga Khan's theory of its causation will at least partially be accepted by those who may differ from him in other respects. The prosperity of the educated classes will perhaps be denied by many, who cannot endorse that statement in the light of personal experience.

The *Gujerati* says :—If Reuter's summary of His Highness the Aga Khan's article on Indian Discontent published in the "National Review" is a correct representation of his views, we must confess to a feeling that it would have been much better if the article had never appeared. The Aga Khan moves in high circles and those too intensely official and bureaucratic, and has scarcely come into genuine contact with the educated classes or uneducated masses. It was rightly or wrongly believed during Lord Curzon's "regime" that the Aga Khan re-echoed or reflected viceregal views on many questions, and the present article, whilst it is a fair reflection of official opinions on certain subjects, is altogether disappointing, so far as the writer's own suggestions are concerned. When the Aga Khan denies the growing poverty of the people, he evidently relies upon Lord Curzon's estimate of the moral and material condition of the population. Lord Curzon's "ipse dixit" has never met with general acceptance nor will the Aga Khan's views, unsupported as they very probably are by any unimpeachable facts and figures.

The *Parsi* writes :—That there is discontent in India is patent to all, but whether India is discontented is open to dispute. In His Highness the Aga Khan's article in the "National Review," of which Reuter has cabled a summary, the existence of a public discontent in India is discussed and admitted, but it is ascribed not so much to the causes usually held responsible as to the increased prosperity of the discontented. We are accustomed to hear this said of Egypt, but in India we are so used to hear of growing poverty that it comes as a surprise to hear of Indian discontent being ascribed to prosperity.

ARMED DACOITS ABROAD.

Passing Train Fired At.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, FEBRUARY 12.

Alarming news has just been received of a dacoity gang, fully armed, roaming the province.

A telegram has been received from the Guard of the Down Mail train to the effect that as the train passed over a culvert between the Yedashi and Kyungon stations he saw about a hundred men with torches, armed with rifles and other weapons, and that, just as the train passed, two shots were fired. No damage of any kind was, however, done.

Another train had to pull up near Shwebon, owing to a broken rail, but no details have come to hand as to whether the affair is the result of an accident or design.

PUBLIC NUISANCES.

How to Abate Them.

"Public Nuisances and How They may be Abated." Rs. 50 prize to Correspondent who enumerates the Ten Greatest Public Nuisances in Bombay City and suggests the Best Means of Abating Them. Letters will be received by Editor up to the 19th instant.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—You have limited your correspondents to ten nuisances but it would not be difficult in this mediæval city to name a hundred abominations which flourish in our midst and are a disgrace to civilization. In presenting only ten, therefore, I will take those that I consider to be the most prejudicial to the general well-being and comfort of the community, but before approaching them I would suggest that, perhaps, our most serious affliction may be found to be those Hindus whose reverence for life obliges them to protect the noxious vermin which science demonstrates to be the disseminators of disease. I touch on this point with delicacy because I am well aware that this profound blunder is based on a conception of religious duty as sincere as it assuredly is mistaken. There can be no harm however in alluding to it and in expressing the hope that those high in authority in matters of Hindu spiritual belief will be able to show that no authentic sanction exists for protecting dangerous vermin at the expense of the highest manifestation of life. I wonder if our Hindu brethren ever stop to think how the retention of such religious ideas must affect their political aspirations. Do they for a moment imagine that the non-Hindu races of this Empire would ever permit its administration to pass into the hands of men who, however otherwise capable and however upright, would let their human brethren be decimated rather than kill a plague infected flea or rat ? I am not an Indian, but I have great sympathy with the Indian point of view and great admiration for the eternal truths of the Hindu religion, but in this particular matter there is much need for a common sense reconciliation between religion and civic duty, and I venture to hope that the self-interest of the Hindu which is manifestly so vitally affected will speedily open a way to it.

This preamble leads me naturally to my first two nuisances Rats and Pi dogs ; two terrible menaces to human life. Surely argument is unneeded as to the claimant necessity of a war to the death against both. The agency for the first would in this city rest with the Municipality and for the second with the Police : in each case aided by hearty public co-operation. As regards Pi dogs there would

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THE BISHOP AND HIS CHARGE.

WHEN the Bombay Diocesan Conference opened we expressed in these columns the reasonable hope that a spirit of toleration and sympathy would animate the members of Conference and we did so in the belief that the Bishop of Bombay would set the example himself. We did this mindful of the fact that the clergy in Indian Dioceses, as in all others, are placed under the spiritual superintendence of the Bishop, who is instructed in his letters patent to exercise jurisdiction throughout his See and Diocese according to the Ecclesiastical Laws of the Realm of England, and is bidden to bear in mind that it has been held by high legal authority that the Act of Uniformity does not extend to India. We know that by oaths and subscription those priests, who hold the Bishop's License, are pledged to canonical obedience to him in all things lawful and honest, as well as to the acceptance of the Prayer Book of 1552, and the Thirty-nine Articles. And we learned that the Bishop is held generally to have a power of interpretation and adaptation of Ecclesiastical Rules to the peculiar circumstances of this country. It was clear, therefore, that the Bishop of an Indian Diocese is especially called upon to rule his Diocese with a broad-minded tolerant hand, which should find its strength chiefly in the sympathy of his clergy earned by a due consideration of their wants and of the difficult conditions under which they often labour. The Conference which has just been concluded, being as it was the Bishop's first Diocesan Conference, was hailed by a large body of the clergy of this Diocese with feelings of disquietude and anxiety. It was well known that his Lordship is a very pronounced low churchman, as all his fathers were, and actions of his which had occurred during the past three years had led to an unexpressed feeling in this Diocese that His Lordship was not in sympathy with much of the work carried on in several centres. Missions that had been inaugurated by the express wish of a former Bishop and fostered to the full by a subsequent holder of the Bishopric of Bombay, are somewhat without the range of the present Bishop's sympathy, and are considered by him to be out of tune with the ideals of the Reformed Anglican Church. These feelings, which have been patent for some time past, led to the dominant anxiety with which undoubtedly many of the High Church clergy approached the Conference. And the Visitation Charge given by the Bishop on Wednesday last has changed anxiety as to what might be, to sadness for what is. For though the Bishop made certain recommendations, in the name of the Prayer Book requirements, to the Evangelical Churchmen working in his diocese, such as Daily Services of Matins and Evensong, and discontinuance of Evening Communion, he soon drew aside this veil, and proceeded to reveal the real purpose he had in view. His Charge—and the more we read it the more convinced we are of his intention—was directed against the High Churchmen of this Presidency. For, though in answer to the private enquiries he made of all the trustees of churches, he had received no single complaint about the way the services were rendered, he laid down requirements which may completely change the atmosphere of the worship of some of the most important charges in the diocese.

This will be especially felt where it has been customary on Saints' Days to make the Eucharistic service carry its own lofty teaching direct to the children by admitting them to church at the time of Holy Communion. And there will be certainly many sad hearts among those who suddenly find themselves *forbidden* to bring classes of children to the presence of Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me and *forbid* them not." In his Lordship's dissertation on the "Eucharistic Sacrifice" we trace the same Churchmanship. All that he said was true undoubtedly. His interpretation of the memorial character of the Lord's Supper was Anglican. But he might have well said much more about it that was equally Anglican, and which would have extended its legitimate teaching far beyond the bounds he has set to it. Once more in the matter of the "real presence" the same decided views are apparent. And in support of this statement we recall the admirable clearness with which a Primate of the Anglican Catholic Church expounded the various aspects of the doctrine of the Eucharist, which have been held at different times in Eastern and Western Christendom. I.—There is, first, the Zuringlian view, according to which 'the sacrament, in fact, differs from prayer in degree, but not in kind.' His grace admitted that this view 'softens, purifies, elevates, kindles;' but it is only as a memory of a past sacred event, kindling devotion, we assume, as a Trafalgar or Waterloo banquet may kindle patriotism. This view, excellent as far as it goes, the Primate rejected as inadequate. II.—There is, next, the doctrine of a 'mysterious gift, uniting us to Christ in a special manner and degree, giving new power, new cleansing, new life, and even new insight into spiritual things, leavening the whole being with a heavenly infection. This gift is something far beyond the natural working of our own minds. And 'this mysterious gift,' which theologians call the "res sacramenti" results from the consecration of the bread and wine in the way ordained by the Church. It is, therefore, independent of the communicant. Between the Zuringlian doctrine and this, 'there can be no question at all that the Church holds the latter, in common with 'the early Christians' universally, and with 'the Greek and other Churches in the East' to-day, as well as with 'the Romans and the Lutherans.' III.—But now comes a sub-division of opinion. The Roman Church defines the manner of the presence by the word Transubstantiation, which the Church of England rejects as going beyond our Lord's revelation, and 'overthrowing the nature of a Sacrament' in addition. Others, like Hooker, maintain that "the Real Presence should not be looked for in the Consecrated Elements, but in the receivers.' The Church certainly teaches Hooker's doctrine which is indeed inseparable from belief in a 'Real Presence.' Yet Hooker's doctrine does not exhaust the Church's teaching, which implies the further doctrine that there is a "Real Presence" in some way attached to the Elements at the time of Consecration and before the reception.' 'It is difficult,' the Primate concluded, if not impossible, really to distinguish between this doctrine and the Lutheran doctrine commonly called Consubstantiation, and it is important that it should be clearly understood that it is not unlawful to hold it and to teach it within the Church of England." What a different tone there is in this charge of the Primate from Wednesday's Charge, which quotes Hooker's classical passage—"The real presence of Christ's most blessed Body and Blood is not therefore to be sought for in the Sacrament, but in the worthy receiver of the Sacrament": Without its full context—for the passage which immediately precedes this quotation explains and amplifies it, and reveals that the main purpose Hooker had in view was to emphasise that the Eucharist was ordained in order to incorporate us into Christ, and that we have no right to look for Christ's presence in the sacrament except in connection with that purpose. And we submit that it would be just as forceless to argue that Keble, the author of "On Eucharistical Adoration", who taught the doctrine of an objective presence, did not believe in a real presence because elsewhere he wrote:—"O come to our Communion Feast There present in the heart, Not in the hands, th' Eternal Priest Will His true Self impart!" High Churchmen protest against that interpretation of the Eucharistic feast which disregards the "Res Sacramenti." They are aware of the Mystery. They know that bodily senses are only organs of communication with external facts, and that sensations are no more subjective impressions, that impressions resulting from contact with objective realities. The senses do not create the impressions. They receive and convey them. And because of this, High Churchman maintain that faith cannot cause the Presence any more than the eye causes the sunset. But the Presence is there, though to the unfaithful it has no more access to the soul than the glory of the setting sun has through blinded eyes. They are like the people of Capernaum, among whom Christ could do no mighty work, because of their unbelief! Yet He was there, close to them, touching them.

His Lordship fall short then of the full Church teaching on the Eucharist in his dissertation thereon. And when he proceeded to discuss the matter of the recent Royal Commission on Ritual, and to appropriate its dicta for the purpose of pressing his requirements, he disregarded the fact that there had been similar commissions preceding it. Before discussing that report would it not have been well to examine the Ritual Commissions which issued reports in April 1867, April 1868, August 1870, as well as that which issued its report in June 1906? It transpires, however, from these, that the very note of 'toleration,' which we pleaded for, finds its place in those reports. In 1868 the Commissioners wrote:—We cannot approve of any attempt to stereotype by legislation, for perpetual observance, any use not actually enjoined. Such legislation even thirty years ago, would have prohibited much which is now generally adopted, and all but universally approved." We pleaded for a wise but tolerant sympathy from the Bishops in all Diocesan matters in India, because we believe that it should be possible to worship within the pale of the Anglican Church with freedom of spirit and a quiet mind. But also because we also see that what has been lost to her in the past has come from an incapacity or unwillingness on the part of those who have sometimes stood before the world as her representatives, to meet the needs and grasp the opportunities presented to her. Her system of Government has sometimes been grandmotherly. Sometimes she has lost whole bodies of Christians from lack of sympathy, or enthusiasm or wisdom. The great Congregational and Wesleyan Churches on the one hand and the extremists of the Oxford movement on the other, might, in wiser, and happier times have been saved to the National Church. Against any Episcopal policy, which dissects and deletes what might well remain untouched, we offer our solemn protest. But we appealed for toleration on grounds which more closely relate to the Bishop's charge delivered on Wednesday last, because we believe the conditions of Christian life in India demand it. Why not let well alone? Such missions as the Cowley Fathers at Panch Howds, Poona, and Mazagon, Bombay, and that over which Canon Rivington presides; Sisterhoods such as the Wantage and All Saints', have done and are doing much of the hardest work in all India. Let them alone. Do not ask them to toe a line when, according to the principles of their Societies, they cannot. We cannot but feel that the loss of such missions would be a severe shock to the whole Church life of India, and, we are sure, would bring opprobrium upon its originator. The spectacle of faithful men and women, who came out for a specific purpose and at the direct request of one Bishop, being driven back by another, is a picture we hope will only remain in the imagination and will never become an historic fact. Such a thing could only have but one result: the ultimate overthrow of the present Episcopal Jurisdiction in this Diocese. For on the shore of that Island of Freedom there would be many arms stretched out in loving sympathy, and perhaps many mailed-fisted supporters of the English Church Union, the Oxford Fathers, and Society for the Propogation of the Gospel, would gird themselves for the battle. In conclusion we must content ourselves with quoting the words that great and learned ecclesiastical lawyer, Sir W. Phillimore, uttered in an address on the results of the last Royal Commission on Ritual:—"The result of the Commission is to show that only in the rarest cases ought there to be any interference with the greatest development of religious enthusiasm to which the Ritual movement has given birth."

THE LATE MR. F. R. S. WYLLIE. The Mr. Francis Wyllie, whose death was announced by Reuter, is Francis Robert Shaw Wyllie, the less known brother of two famous men in the Indian Service who achieved distinction in the past and present generations—the late John Wyllie and the present Colonel Sir William Curzon Wyllie. There are men in Bombay who still remember the short but brilliant career in the Civil Service of the gifted young Civilian, John William Shaw Wyllie, which began in Kathiawar in the Mutiny year, fifty years ago. He was too able to be allowed to rusticate in the Bombay Presidency and he was taken up in 1862 by the Government of India whose Under Foreign Secretary he became. There he soon caught the sagacious eye of the Viceroy, Lord Lawrence, of whose foreign policy he became the hearty admirer and also the brilliant literary exponent. He gave Lawrence's famous policy that name of "masterly activity" by which it is known in history, and expounded it in a brilliant article in the *Edinburgh Review* in 1867, when he was hardly 32. Ill health compelled him, (as it did his brother just dead) to relinquish a highly promising career in India, and he returned home, became Member of Parliament for a short while and died before he was 35 in 1870. Probably few careers were so promising and crowded with great things done at a precociously early age as John Wyllie's. Sir William Hunter paid him the tribute of collecting and editing his famous article above-mentioned, along with others, in a volume which still remains one of the best sources for learning much about the external policy of the Indian Government. Francis, or as he was usually called, Frank, Wyllie entered the Bombay Civil Service only a year later than his famous brother in 1858; but he continued longer, but still had to retire before his full pension period owing to ill health in 1875. He came to Bombay only a few weeks before Mr. Herbert Birdwood, and among his other contemporaries in the Bombay Civil Service were Sir William Wedderburn and the late Sir Charles Pritchard. His younger brother, Colonel Sir William Curzon Wyllie, distinguished himself in the Political Service of the Government of India, and first achieved distinction in Baluchistan as the able assistant of the late Sir Robert Sandeman in the work known after him, of "sandemanising" that wild people and country. He lately retired from this country becoming political aide-de-camp to the Secretary of State for India at home. Mr. Wyllie was even like his brother John, in India, at Poona, in 1837. The father of these distinguished sons was himself a distinguished General of the Bombay Army, Sir William Wyllie, who entered it so long ago as 1819, and served in various places in Kathiawar, Gujarat and the Deccan, till he served on a larger field in the first Afghan War of 1838-40 and in the conquest of Sind by Charles Napier. His last service was during the rebellion in the Southern Mahratha country when he commanded the troops on the Coast of the Southern Konkan. The mother of the brothers Wyllie was the sister of a famous English politician of mid-Victorian times, Sir William Hutt, Vice-President of the Board of Trade, who was for long an authority on all matters of shipping and commerce. The sister of the late Mr. Wyllie was married to the right Honourable W. P. Adam, who was a famous Whip of the Liberals and who was for a short time in 1880-1 Governor of Madras, dying there after a brief stay. Frank, like his brother John Wyllie, was educated at Cheltenham College under the well known head master, the Rev. William Dobson, and thence proceeded for a short time to Oxford.

A BALUCHI CUSTOM. Infidelity and revenge for infidelity are one of the principal sources of criminal proceedings in Baluchistan. Major Showers has made some interesting observations on the subject in his newly issued report. According to tribal custom or "rawaj" in these cases among the Brahuis, a statement or even a suspicion or rumour regarding the infidelity of a woman is held to constitute her as guilty and to render her life liable to forfeiture at the hands of her husband. The operations of this custom are being carefully watched. In the Magasi country a decision of the Shahi Jirga disallowing the custom under which the revenge due on a guilty man can be taken on his relatives, if the offender has absconded, has been recorded and is to be treated as a leading case. In another case, prominently reported, one Ghazi Khan, Afghan, a labourer on the Quetta-Nushki Railway line, absconded with the wife of one Khuda-i-Rahim Turk Afghan. The jirga decided that the accused should be exiled from Baluchistan and that the woman should be sent to Killi-Malik Yar Muhammad in Pishin. If the accused returned to British territory he was to be fined Rs. 3,000 and imprisoned for seven years. Subsequently Ghazi Khan returned to Baluchistan and at a second sitting of the local jirga he was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

THE N. Y. K. steamer Colombo Maru arrived at Hongkong and will sail to-day for Shanghai.

THE Florio-Rubattino Company's steamer Capri left Honkong for Bombay on the 12th.

A SPECIAL cable received at Lahore states that the Nawab of Bahawalpur has arrived at Jeddah.

OUT of the seven candidates, who appeared for the examination of Advocates of the Bombay High Court, two have passed: Mr. Ganpatrao Ganesham Nadkarni, B. A., L L. B., and Mr. Atmaram Anant Chitre, B. A., L L. B.

THE Singapore correspondent of the *Ceylon Observer* telegraphed on the 1st instant:—"The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia have arrived. For the visit ideal weather prevails. The Duke visited Admiral Brensing on a German cruiser prior to landing. The decorations are elaborate. At the Victoria Hall he received deputations, and a Reception of Malay Chiefs was held at Government House.

IT is expected that the works of the Madras Electric Supply Corporation will be so far completed that a supply of electricity may be commenced in August next. All electrical energy supplied, whether for use for lighting or power purposes, will be charged at a flat rate of 4 annas per unit consumed. Bills will be rendered and collected monthly, and to all consumers of more than 1,500 units per month substantial discounts will be allowed for prompt payment. The cost of the current will vary from 4 annas per unit for the first 1,500 units per month down to 9 pies per unit for more than 17,000 units.

COMMENTING on the Victoria Memorial Institution at Calcutta the *Pioneer* writes:—We hold that the Victoria Memorial should not have been erected in Calcutta, although it is the metropolis of India, nor in Bombay, although it is the gate of India, nor in Lahore, although it is the capital of the greatest Indian province added during the late Queen's reign. Its proper site was Delhi, the Imperial city, the historic capital, the centre of the great event of the reign which changed everything in India, the scene of the proclamations of the first Empress of All India. Lord Curzon wilfully ignored the claims of Delhi, and was ready with voluble special pleading in defence of his choice of Calcutta. But he stultified himself and set at nought his own arguments when the time came for the Coronation Durbar and the second Imperial Proclamation. That had to be at Delhi by virtue of right and fitness. It is not a matter for the rival pretensions of provinces. Delhi happens to be in the Punjab administration at the present time; it was not so fifty years ago and it may not be fifty years hence—in any case it is not Punjab but just Delhi whose rights are consecrated by history, antiquity and association and cannot be overthrown by the upstart claims of Calcutta or Bombay. Even now if an unfavourable report of the experts compels the abandonment of the Calcutta site there will be time to set matters right and to place a worthy Victoria Memorial at Delhi even if it is necessary to modify the grandiose scheme of the late Viceroy to whose obstinacy and self-will the mistake in the choice of site was almost solely due.

CURRENT TOPICS.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

[BY A FREE LANCE.]

THE AMIR. Of course the current topic this week is the Amir, His Majesty of Afghanistan. He ought to have arrived this (Tuesday) morning and with luck, he will propably arrive before these lines are in print. But, you never know. He may be fascinated by the refreshment room at Bhusawal—he is fascinated by strange things—and want to spend an hour or two there. Then he will probably grow interested in the G. I. P. Ghat-engines and want to go up as well as down. Possibly he may arrive this afternoon and in view of the convenience of the 'High Dignitaries' who have to await him at the railway station, I hope he will get here as near 3-30 as possible. I wonder what His Majesty will think of all the High Dignitaries and the others who have been invited to attend. Unfortunately I suppose that what the Amir really thinks will never be given to the public; only what he ought to think, which is not half so interesting. For example I am very curious to know what the Amir thought of the official head dresses of the Chief Justice of Bengal and the Parsee Judges. A Judge's wig would certainly be much better adapted to the climate of Afghabistan than to that of Bengal.

It is somewhat difficult for a layman to understand in what capacity the Amir is with us. One is continually reading that as the Amir's visit is of a quite private character, he is reluctantly obliged to decline addresses and the pomp of Bumbledom. On the other hand he is to be escorted by a regiment of cavalry, he is to be welcomed by Admirals, Generals, and Chiefs Justice, to say nothing of the thousand and one lesser lights, who are in the 4th class of those not mentioned in any of the previous grade. Well, then, the question one asks is—is he here as His Majesty or as a private individual? Apparently it altogether depends on circumstances. If there is anything he does not wish to do, then he is here as a private individual and declines with thanks. When his Gracious Majesty King Edward VII pays a private visit to France, there is no fuss made at all. Moreover Our Gracious Sovereign is celebrated for his punctuality.

GUNS. Beginning from this (Tuesday) afternoon there will be an almost incessant booming of guns. To-morrow all the men-of-war are to let off their guns, and on Thursday the people at Colaba will be responsible for the noise. As one young Gunner said to me,—'As far as I can make out we are to let off every blooming gun we have got all at once.' The result should be a sufficiency of din to please the most Oriental ears. His Majesty should also very much enjoy firing the Whitehead torpedo from the "Diadem," just as I used to love firing a penny pistol some 30 years ago. It is to be hoped that the thing will be properly managed and that our Royal Visitor may not miss, for, if he does, I feel certain that he will want to go on firing till he gets a hit. I trust that there will be no such sea outside as to give His Majesty his first taste of mal de mer. Sea sickness levels all ranks in a way few other things do.

THE FANCY DRESS DANCE. I am sure that could the Amir have been present at the Yacht Club Fancy Dress Ball last night, he would have enjoyed it far more than anything he is likely to see in Bombay—even the mills. His Excellency dined at the Club and had a good view of the extremely picturesque scene before leaving. This is, as far I can recollect, the 5th annual fancy ball held at the Club and it was in no way inferior to any of its predecessors. Indeed, as far as costumes went it was superior. Among the ladies some of the most charming dresses were two Oriental Princesses in pale blue, a very unusual and chic dress in the Empire style also in pale blue, several vivandiere costumes (I used the word vivandiere in a wide sense) and especially that of the lady who was dining at the same table as the Mad Hatter, a Beauty of Bath, a lady in a large Gainsborough hat and white lace, several Japanese ladies, and others too numerous to mention. The feminine sex were rather lacking in originality, though the lady who went as what I would call a dinner service had taken some trouble to carry the idea out effectively. Nor were the men's costumes strikingly original. The Mad Hatter was to my mind quite the best, and was a very close reproduction in every way of Tenniel's drawing. One other effective costume was a soldier in the uniform of the Georgian times, who might have stepped straight out of an illustration to one of Stanley Weyman's books. The rooms seemed to be full of beautiful women and it is certainly remarkable what improvement can be effected by rouge pots and powder. Short skirts and neat ankles also do much to brighten up things, and there were quite a lot of both last night. Every time I go to a Fancy Ball I marvel that we are content to wear the ugly clothes we do when there are so much prettier and more economical ones to be had. Can any one explain why men do not always dance in knee breeches and women in ankle long skirts?

KALA JAGGHAS This brings me to the only fault I had to find with the dance. There were no kala jagghas. Now that is reducing the thing to the stiffness of one of the Town Hall functions, where each lady owns her particular chair and returns to it at the end of the dance. Most of us know of Alice, who 'would not dance at all, but she sat out all night on the stairs.' I am led to understand that the Archdeacon of Bombay has been fulminating against kala jagghas and feminine bridge. Looked at in the light of a million years, are they not both very terrible things? Of course my information is only hearsay, for, to tell the truth, I only got as far in my reading as the Lord Bishop's charge and there I became so mixed up in all the clerical paraphernalia of vestments, signs, presences, creeds, etc., that I felt it useless to go any further. So I have not had the pleasure of reading the Archdeacon's remarks. Still, what's the use of raving about kala jagghas? May not a man sit in a kala jaggha with a pretty girl and hold her hand, and still be a gentleman? And if so, where is the harm? It was so since the world began and will be so, I trust, till it ends. Is there any harm in a kala jaggha? If anyone finds harm there, he must have taken it in with him. I cannot help thinking that there is an awful lot of stuff talked about these things. Is there any real harm in a kiss, for example? Is a poor youth to wait for a kiss until he can afford to get married? Suppose he loves a girl and she loves him but they cannot afford to get married,—may he not kiss her? Is the poor man to go unkissing and unkissed to his grave? These are questions well worth considering, and it is, indeed, a very censorious world. One of the great curses of modern social life is that if one does the things one's set is not in the habit of doing, or omits to do the things one's set always does, then one will be dropped by that set. It is pleasing to think that there are signs that society is endeavouring to shake itself free of these trammels. For instance at the Fancy Ball, I saw a good many ladies smoking. If a man may smoke, why not a woman also?

BRIDGE. As for ladies playing bridge,—well, why should'nt they? Many very worthy persons play bridge, as many very worthy persons used to play whist. In this connection I recollect an amusing story of a well-known person, not long left us. He was at one time chaplain at Colaba and used to play whist at mess on Saturday and other nights. He ought however to have been more careful than to read, as he did, the opening sentence at morning prayers in this way—"O Lord, in whose hand is the King of hearts." But to revert to ladies playing cards: It is all nonsense to say that they play bridge all day long, and it is all nonsense to say that they gamble, unless you can call playing for Rs. 1/8 a hundred and settling at the end of each time's play gambling. The fact is, as I believe I said a week or two ago the gambling spirit is a natural one and, so long as it is kept within limits and conducted on the ready cash basis, it is not harmful. I don't think, however, that the argument used against the Archdeacon was a very good one. The fact that the mixed bridge club, recently started, has not been a success, is to be accounted for by altogether other reasons. But the statement that Bombay ladies play bridge all day and that they gamble, is simply untrue. I challenge the Archdeacon to give instances in support of his statements, not one instance, but instances. We are surely not going to have a weak imitation of Father Vaughan in Bombay: the thing will be so horribly out of place. And in any case, what is the use of the Church talking? Don't I see parsons in billiard rooms and bars, in card rooms, at dances, even on the race course? Women will play bridge, women will sit in kala jagghas, and women will flirt, and if they didn't, well, they would not be women.

WOMEN BAD CARD PLAYERS. I sympathise with the Archdeacon's complaint however, but on totally different grounds. It is not that women play bridge, but that most of them play so very badly. This is a frightfully base thing to say, but I am sure it is true. There are very few women who have got what might be called the "card sense." Also their card memories are very bad. Moreover, they are much more emotional than men. Now a good player must possess a good card memory; he must have an equable temperament, and he must have an instinctive idea of the value of a card whether it be bridge, picquet, or "vinget une" he is playing. It is because most women lack these three qualities, that most women are poor card players. There are of course brilliant exceptions, as I know to my cost. The best picquet player I have ever met, and I have played with very many, was a lady, but even she supported my theory to a certain extent in that she was of rather a masculine type. I have still to meet a really good lady bridge-player. Bridge has a considerable affinity to poker, and requires a placid and non-committal manner. But as what women have not got and as a class they will never reach the same bridge standard as men. Then too when men and women play cards together, there are other factors than the mere cards at work. "Is it for money or love we play?" asks the fellow in "the Beauty of Bath." "Partner, I leave it to you," replies the lady. I don't know if any of my readers have read a book called, I think, "Mr. John Smith, Golfer" If they have not, they ought to and, if they do, they will learn what I mean by the last remark.—

OPERA. The air is full of chesty numbers, and the Bandmann Opera Company open on Wednesday night for ten nights. It seems to me proper to remind my readers that they ought not to be judged by their performances six weeks ago. They were a quite new company then, not together or properly acquainted with pieces they were producing. After their six weeks' successful season in Calcutta I expect to find them altogether different. I still think it a pity that they include "Mr. Popple" in their repertoire and one or two other pieces I need not mention. If I might give a list of really good pieces, they would be "San Toy," "The Orchid," "Florodora," "The Spring Chicken," "La Poupee," "The Beauty of Bath" "The Little Michus," "The Girl Behind the Counter," and perhaps "The Dairy Maids." "The Blue Moon" has some very pretty music in it and ought to be good, but I have not yet heard it. Most of us will be glad to hear the "Geisha" again, though I, for one, prefer "San Toy." If "Cinderella" is half as good as "Aladdin" was, it will be well worth hearing. But we have no Harry Cole, and the company badly wants him or his peer. Another event that should not be lost sight of by those privileged to attend it is the approaching smoking concert at the Gymkhana. Ladies are to be part of the audience as well as among the performers. The feature of the evening will be the performance of a comic melodrama, in which Mr. Croft will appear as the heroine and Mr. Marsh as the villain supported by a strong company.

SECUNDERABAD NOTES AND NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, DECCAN, FEBRUARY 10.

Colonel the Nawab Afsur-ul-Mulk, Bahadur gave a most delightful garden party at his house Rahut Munzil, at Saifabad, on the 8th instant. Shooting at a target of running deer and tigers and a glass ball held up by a jet of water was the chief feature of the amusements provided. Mrs. Hamilton was the only lady who was able to smash the ball. The ball was only an inch in diameter, and as it played up and down on the top of the jet of water, it seemed quite an easy mark, but just as one would fire, the ball would either disappear, or rush up to the highest point of the jet, and was thus very difficult to hit. Mrs and Miss Bayley were present, also Mrs Tudor, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Clinch, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Vye, Miss Notting, and Mrs. Anderson The badminton and tennis courts were well patronised. The day was very hot and clouds gathered up as if for rain. We all enjoyed sitting out on the lawns, which were gay with beds of flowers, as also strolling through the Colonel's very artistically-furnished house.

Mr. Pendlebury was also at Home at his residence in Secunderabad this week. Nearly the whole community of Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Bolarum was present. The garden looked very well with seats daintily placed in every available corner and under the shade of the trees. "Putting" had many advocates, and Bridge-tables were in such great demand that more tables had to be procured, although a considerable number had been already provided. The arrangements were very good, and everyone enjoyed the liberal hospitality of our ever popular "Agent"

We have lately been blessed with a very good (for India) Dramatic Company, who have been giving a variety of plays. The last night, Saturday, was crowded, and the house appreciated the acting and singing of "Peronique." The whole company acted with a dash and verve which were catching. After making a tour in the Madras Presidency, they return to Secunderabad for a couple of nights, where they hope to have as good houses as they have drawn during the past week.

We will all miss our genial Cantonment Magistrate from Secunderabad, as he has had marching orders and leaves this place for Allahabad early in March. We all regret his going, and trust we will have as good and as genial an officer to take his place. Major Ievers has been here for so many years that the place will feel quite strange without him. With his kindly manner and great tactfulness, he has made many friends, who will be very sorry to lose him.

We are very sorry to have to record another case of typhoid fever—Colonel Freyer, R.A.M.C., who has been ill for the past week. We thought we had seen the last of this dreadful fever, but it still clings to the place and seems ever present in barracks. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Freyer.

THE Rev. C. F. Aked, attending a performance of "The Walls of Jericho," in Liverpool, encountered in the theatre, the "Reader" relates, one of the deacons of his chapel. "Hallo!" said the deacon, "what are you doing here?" "Well," said Mr. Aked, "I've been to see a play; I suppose you came to blacklead the kitchen grate!"

PROFESSOR CLEMENT WRAGGE, F.R.G.S., writing to the *Indian Daily News*, says:—"The time is rapidly approaching when meteorologists will be enabled to issue seasonal forecasts of the weather based on the study of three main facts, (1) a study of solar physics; (2) the astronomical position of the moon with respect to the swing of monthly declination which produces atmospheric tides; and (3) planetary disturbance. . . With respect to weather advices of which I know something, if I may be allowed to issue a seasonal forecast, with all due caution, I should say that the rainfall of India from the present year will begin to increase."

THERE is a curious unwritten law of etiquette in India, says a writer in the *Clubman*, that a Viceroy of India, however good a horseman he may be, shall not play polo. The "gup" of Calcutta had it that Lord Lansdowne, who was just as good a horseman as is Lord Minto, had made up his mind that he would play polo when he came out to India as Viceroy, and that the late Lord "Bill" Beresford, the Military Secretary, who was guide, philosopher, and friend to so many successive Viceroys, told him firmly but gently, that it would be unwise of him to do so. It may be that the language of the polo-ground in those days was curt and emphatic, and a Subaltern condemning the Viceroy's eyes as he shouted to him to gallop might have shocked the native mind.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

HIS MAJESTY'S SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Pronouncements on Momentous Questions.

THE "UNFORTUNATE DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE LORDS AND COMMONS.

KINDLY REFERENCES TO AMERICA.

AMIR'S VISIT TO INDIA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON FEBRUARY 12.

Their Majesties opened Parliament to-day in the fullest state. The King, in his speech to Parliament, said that his relations with Foreign Powers were friendly. He commends the courage and devotion exhibited by Sir A. Swettenham and officers in the Kingston disaster, and sincerely thanks the Americans for their sympathy and assistance.

As regards India His Majesty said that he anticipated that a steadfast effort would be made to widen the basis of good government in India.

His Ministers, he said, had under consideration the serious questions arising from the unfortunate differences between the Lords and the Commons.

LATER.

The King in his speech to Parliament says that his relations with Foreign Power continue friendly.

He deplores the loss of life and the destruction of property in Jamaica. He has seen, with satisfaction the courage and devotion of the Governor and Officers and the self-control of the people. The occasion has called forth many proofs of practical good will in all parts of the Empire. His Majesty expresses his sincere gratitude and sympathy toward the American people for the assistance rendered by their Naval authorities.

Regarding the Amir's visit this is the first visit, remarks the King, of an Amir of Afghanistan to my Indian dominions for upwards of twenty years. His active survey of the leading features of Indian life has been to me, and as I understand to the Amir also, a source of much gratification as tending to promote that right feeling which is ever more important than formal compacts.

With regard to Indian affairs His Majesty continues, "while firmly guarding the strength and unity of the Executive power unimpaired I look forward to a steadfast effort being made to provide the means of widening the base of peace, order and good government among the vast populations committed to my charge.

"The estimates of the national expenditure have been framed with the object of effecting economies consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

Serious questions affecting the working of our Parliamentary system have arisen from the unfortunate differences between the two Houses. My Ministers have this important subject under consideration with a view to finding a solution of the difficulty."

LATER.

The King in his speech announces a Licensing Reform Bill, also proposals for defining more clearly the functions of the Regular and Auxiliary Forces and for improving their organisation. Also measures for further associating the people of Ireland with the management of their domestic affairs and for improving otherwise the system of government administratively and financially. Proposals are also announced for reforming University education in Ireland and the establishment of a court of Appeal; for regulating labour in mines and enabling women to serve on local bodies.

THE NEW SESSION.

Speculations.

IMPORTANT BILLS.

LONDON FEBRUARY, 12.

The papers dwell on the momentous nature of the new session. Speculation is rifest as to Government tactics towards the Lords. The *Times* affirms that the Cabinet is far from being agreed upon any definite scheme. Mr. Haldane's Army Bill, and a far-reaching Finance Bill will occupy a large part of the Session.

RESIGNATION OF DUTCH CABINET.

Over the Military Estimates.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

The Dutch Cabinet has resigned owing to the first Chamber rejecting the military estimates abolishing the long service term for the militia with a view to reducing the expenditure.

THE THAW CASE.

An Unpleasant Phase.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

At the instance of President Roosevelt the Federal District Attorney has notified the New York newspapers of his intention to criminally prosecute, for violations of Federal laws against the circulation of obscene matter when reporting the Thaw case.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

Professor Pelham is dead.

SIR ANDREW FRASER'S TOUR.

Inspection of Famine Relief Works.

OPENING OF THE RANCHI-PURULIA LINE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 12.

Sir Andrew Fraser proposes to tour for about a month from the middle of February to the middle of March, during which time he will visit Kheilna, Mourbang, Amrada, Puri, Bankipur, Latwa, Chapra and Darbhanga where he will inspect the Famine Relief Works. His Honor subsequently proceeds to Ranchi where he opens the Ranchi Purulia Railway, and returns to Calcutta on March 14th.

PERSIA'S CONSTITUTION.

RECOGNITION BY THE NEW SHAH.

Popular Demands Granted.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

Reuter's Correspondent telegraphing from Teheran states that the Shah, in a message to Parliament, grants all popular demands including the formal recognition of the Constitutional Government. This was telegraphed to Tabriz where the people had seized the arsenal and closed the Government Offices.

EXPLOSION AT WOOLWICH.

Great Damage in the Arsenal.

ACCIDENT AT THE CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 11.

At three o'clock this morning a tremendous explosion occurred at the Chemical Research Department of Woolwich Arsenal on the Plumstead Marshes, and destroyed the building. The concussion shook the whole town and broke windows wholesale, leaving the shops windowless.

The damage is about £20,000.

SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS.

Boer Generals Unopposed.

STRONG POSITION OF THE VOLKITES.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 11.

The nominations of ten Volkites were unopposed and the candidates were therefore elected. As showing their strength, it is mentioned that the party included Schalkburger and the Generals Erasmus and Dela Rey.

THE RUSSIAN TERROR.

Attack on Escorts.

GOVERNMENT MONEY SEIZED.

THE DUMA ELECTIONS.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 11.

On Saturday last, the St. Petersburg Police, being forewarned, arrested six of a gang who were waiting to attack a strongly-escorted carriage, conveying the Customs' receipts to the Bank. The rest of the gang escaped.

To-day a gang of ten men in Moscow attacked a carriage conveying the receipts of the Government Vodka Depots and secured 40,000 roubles. They escaped.

A band similarly secured 16,000 roubles of the Customs' receipts at Batum.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

At the preliminary elections of the Duma the advanced parties swept many important towns including Moscow, Odessa, Sarjoff, Astrakhan, Tiflis, Tashkent, Omsk, and Vladivostock.

VISCOUNT GOSCHEN'S FUNERAL.

An Impressive Ceremony.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE CHAPEL ROYAL.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 11.

Viscount Goschen's funeral took place at Hawkhurst and was of the most impressive description. The funeral cortege included representatives of Oxford University, the Admiralty, and other bodies. A service was held in the Chapel Royal, where the King and other Royalties were represented. There was a distinguished assemblage of Cabinet Ministers and ex-Cabinet Ministers, including Mr. Balfour and Mr. Lyttleton, Admirals, Generals, and Diplomats.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES' BOAT LOST.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 11.

The Messageries Maritimes, "Laos," laden with rice from Indo-China, has been totally wrecked on a rock during a fog near St. Nazaire. The crew were saved.

[The "Laos" is a cargo boat, was commanded by Captam Abel, and ran on the Indo-China line, carrying usually no passengers. The gross tonnage of the "Laos" was 6,366. She was comparatively a new boat, having been built only in 1902.]

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Motor Car to be Tried.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

A British Antarctic expedition starts in October next. It will be under the command of Lieutenant-Shackleton who was on the "Discovery." The Expedition takes an automobile and Siberian ponies besides dogs.

THE KING AND MR. BRYCE.

Order of Merit Conferred.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

The King has received Mr. Bryce in audience and conferred on him the Order of Merit.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

Keir Hardie re-elected Chairman.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

Mr. Keir Hardie has been re-elected Chairman of the Labour Party.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

Anglo-French Club Burned.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

Moorish tribesmen have attacked Mogador and burned the Anglo-French club.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 12.

The whole of the nominal capital of the Moroccan State Bank has been subscribed.

A NEW MOSQUE FOR BHAVNAGAR.

A Gift to the Khojas by Mr. Rahemtulla.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BHAVNAGAR, FEBRUARY 11.

The opening ceremony of a beautiful Mosque, Jadreesa and Imamvada, built for the use of the Shea Is nasari Khojas, at a cost of about Rs. 15,000 by Sheth Rahemtulla Dahyabhai of Haidarabad already distinguished for his many-sided charities, was performed last morning with all solemnity, before a grand assemblage.

For this unique occasion splendid arrangments were made by the Shet for over five hundred guests who, at the invitation of Vakil Fazalali of Bhavnagar, attended as representatives of the Khoja *Jamats* of Bhavnagar, Bombay, Ahmedabad, Limdi, Dhoiers, Talaja, Mahuva, Jamnagar, Sihor, Amreli and other towns.

In the evening the philanthropic Shet Rahemtulla was presented with an Address handsomely printed on silk andplaced in a beautiful silver casket—a splendid specimen of native workmanship, by the Khoja *jamats* of Bhavnagar and the other towns for his exampiary liberality at the public gathering held in the spacious hall of newly-built Mosque under the presidentship of Gadhda Judge Mr. Baraya, B. A. L. L. B., when Messrs. Mahommedan Abdulali the Civil Judge of Bhavnagar and Munshi Abdulhafiz Baakza, the gentlemen who formed the deputation from the Maharaja Sir Bhavsinhji, presented the Shet with a rich *poshak*. After this, a presentation of shawls from the Bombay and other moiussil Khoja *jamats* followed in grateful appreciation of the donor who then rose, amidst deafening cheers, to reply to the Address. He sincerely thanked the Khoja *jamats* for their Address, to deserve which he said he hardly done anything and that what little he had done was simply to please Almighty God and with a view to fulfil his sacred duty towards his religion and community. The Shet then spoke in eulogistic terms of the high-mined policy of Maharaja Sir Chavsinhji and of the presentation of the rich *poshak* through a special deputation. This act of unusual favour on the part of the Maharaja, he said, display as keen interest in his Mahomedan subjects. He then ruquested the deputation to convey his deep sense of gratefulness to Sir Chavsinhji.

The President then acknowledged the benevolent nature of Shet of whom the *Gadha* has a right to be so proud. He hoped that his charitable dis position would be imitated by other well-to-do persons.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chair and the distribution of *Pangulab* terminated these proceedings.

CHOTA NAGPUR TENANCY BILL.

Ranchi Landlords Protest.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 12.

The landlords of Ranchi have held a meeting condemning the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Amendment Bill, as well as the attempt of Government to rush the Bill through.

THE RANGOON ZOO.

Plague among the Monkeys.

GARDENS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 12.

Mr. Sen, the Superintendent of the Zoological Gardens in Rangoon, has discovered the appearance of Plague among the monkeys in those gardens. Some eight or ten have died, and the gardens are in consequence closed to the public.

THE MINTO FETE.

Disposal of Unclaimed Prizes.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 12.

A few remaining unclaimed prizes in the Lucky Bag will be sold by public auction by Messrs. Mackenzie Lyall and Co., on the 20th inst., commencing at 11 o'clock. The principal valuable unclaimed prize is an Edison's "Triumph" Phonograph guaranteed to be in good order. Its original cost was Rs. 400.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Subjects for Consideration at Cawnpore.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 12.

The Board of Agriculture, which will hold its third meeting at Cawnpore on the 17th of February, will consider the following programme:—A Note will be submitted showing the action already taken on the recommendations of the Board. The programmes of the Director of the Pusa Research Station and of the Imperial Agricultural Chemist, the Economic Botanist, Mycologist and Agriculturist will be considered. The programmes of the Provincial Departments will be discussed and the improvement of Indian sugar canes, veterinary matters, the methods employed in the laboratories of the Agricultural Chemist, commercial fertilizers in India, and the improvement and extension of cotton cultivation in India will be considered.

Sir E. C. Buck will present a Note on the utilization of river silt in India, and will explain to the Board the results of his recent enquiries in Italy.

SIR DENZIL IBBETSON.

Assumes Lieut.-Governorship of Punjab in March.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, FEBRUARY 12.

Sir Denzil Ibbetson, the Lieutenant-Governor elect of the Punjab, will leave Calcutta for Lahore at the end of the current month.

MILITARY CHANGES.

General Creagh's Home Appointment.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, FEBUARY 12.

Consequent on the appointment of General Sir O'Moore Creagh to the India Council, Major General Collins will be transferred from Mhow to the Rawalpindi Division, in June next.

TRANSPORT ANIMALS REGISTRATION ACT.

Introduction into the Patiala State.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, FEBRUARY, 12.

An Act for the Registration of Transport Animals for military employment in time of war has been framed in the Patiala State on the lines of the Punjab Act. A similar scheme has been inaugurated in the Jind State.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT THE YACHT CLUB.

(BY A LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

The abundant resources of the Bombay Royal Yacht Club were well nigh taxed to their utmost capacity on Monday night to provide accommodation for the hundreds of guests who thronged into the Club to participate in the annual Fancy Dress Ball. Never have the grounds looked prettier, even on the historic occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales last year. Rows of tiny electric lights twinkled like fireflies among the branches of the trees, while hundreds of coloured lanterns swayed gracefully upon the breeze, nodding their heads like giant blossoms of some fair garden when breathed upon by the fitful gusts of spring. Upstairs, the resources of the decorator's art had been used to such good purpose that few of us would have recognized the bare and sombre rooms of the club in the bowers of beauty into which they had been transformed. Flags and bunting of every colour had been draped upon the walls; in the ball-rooms soft shaded lights threw down a pleasing glow upon the changing scene, while the soft green foliage of ferns and palms made a tender background for the brighter colours worn by the dancers. Skilfully arranged, with a fine eye to the effect, was the alcove over the portico, where a tiny fountain, the haunt of many a flashing, darting, radiant gold fish made an effective foreground to a charming picture.

Downstairs on the lawn facing the harbour, a large shamiana had been erected for the accommodation of the 430 guests who had arranged to dine at the Yacht Club. The large central table, charmingly decorated with white and green had been reserved for the use of the Bombay Jackal Club, most of whom appeared in pink. We saw there that veteran sportsman, Colonel Bull, I. M. S., than whom one may never hope to follow a straighter rider or find a stauncher friend. Mr. Alastair Forbes, the Honble A. Hill Trevor, Colonel Forbes and Mr. D. N. Graham were also among the number. The Club silver attracted much attention, conspicuous being that magnificent trophy, the Boulton Memorial Cup, and noticeable, too, was the chaste design of the Meredith Townsend 'huntsman on horseback.' A charming souvenir of the occasion had been provided in the menu cards, on the cover of which, enclosed in a lucky horseshoe, was a spirited hunting scene. The Vicomte de Wrem, an ideal host, had also invited a large party of guests, amongst whom I noticed Mr. and Mrs. Du Boulay, Major Lee, Monsieur and Madame Plotsoff (the latter looking handsome and distinguished as always) and Miss Drummond. The dinner, as usual, I believe, on these festive occasions in the Yacht Club, had been brought out from England, and many were the scenes of home conjured up by the sight of the salmon and the lordly pheasant! Who knows, qouth my lively imagination, perhaps the King himself brought down my toothsome rocketer in one of the Christmas 'battues'!

Amongst other hosts I noticed Mr. A. Hill, who, though not a dancing man, had sportingly donned a fancy costume, namely cool white evening dress; a fashion, withal worthy of imitation, and one which would, I feel sure, be followed, were not our menfolk slaves to convention, tied and bound in the chains of habit! Mr. Bicknell brought a large party, amongst them his young niece, who has lately come to Bombay.

Mrs. Prevost looked statuesque in white satin with her fair hair powdered. Mr. Muir Mackenzie wore an 18th century riding costume. Booted and spurred, with a heavy whip under his arm, he might well have passed for a refugee French nobleman, hastening from Paris to London at the outbreak of the French Revolution. Colonel Murray wore the kilt of his own clan, than which no more picturesque costume is left to our modern civilization.

To one taking up his stand at the head of the stairs, the variety of costumes was truly bewildering—knights and ladies, gipsies and countesses, queens of all descriptions, from the well carried-out representation of Anne, the ill-fated consort of Richard II, to the less strictly historical queens of Hearts and Clubs, brigands and pirates, soldiers and sailors, Mother Hubbards and heroes of Shakespeare, representatives of all nations, countries, climates and centuries,—all found a place in the brilliant throng and delighted the eye with the ever-varying harmonies of the colour tones. It was sometimes hard, I confess, to decipher the meaning of some of the costumes worn; sometimes the wearer himself, in fact, pleaded ignorance of what he was supposed to represent. A very frequent reply to the very frequent question "What are you?" was "I don't know myself—some kind of peasant, I suppose"! One gentleman frankly acknowledged his ignorance and repelled vain questionings by a large query mark on his back, an enormous beard, withal, strictly preserving his incognito. Later on I discovered that the gentlemen aforesaid was not in ignorance of his assumed identity, but represented the pressing question "What the d—are you"!

Mrs. Muir Mackenzie looked well in satin with a becoming picture hat; Mrs. Kidd wore a beautiful embroidered Chinese costume, and another effective Chinese dress was that of the Canton Cooly, while Mr. Meikle had also donned a pigtail for the occasion. Mrs. St. John Graham as Peg Woffington was considered by many to be wearing the handsomest dress in the room. It was made entirely of blue satin, edged with silver lace, and with it she wore a long white plume drooping gracefully behind the ear, and she carried a silver wand. Mrs. Dyson of Poona as an acolyte was a striking figure. Mrs. Quicke was a Norwegian peasant girl; Mr. Proes came as the love-sick Romeo; while Commander Black as Orlando might well have been a terrifying sight to any fair Rosalind in the greenwood. Mrs. Donald Graham looked well in white with blue ribbons, while her sister, Miss Croft, was a charming "Winter." Her white costume was edged with fur, a pair of tiny skates dangled at her waist, and the gentle tinkle of silver sleigh bells made a pleasing accompaniment to her graceful movements. Captain Meynell as Beau Brummell was voted a great success, while a somewhat similar costume, "Monsieur Beaucaire," was worn by Mr. Turnbull, tutor in the family of the Gaekwar of Baroda. Mr. Beale made a capital "Uncle Sam," and Mr. Croft, our popular comedian, also patronized the stars and stripes. Mrs. Wilson of Colaba made a dainty "Elsie Maynard" capable of charming any gruff old jailer, or breaking the heart of poor Jack Point. Commander Vale came as an Italian gondolier and Mr. Baird wore a good costume of red and blue of the same description. Mrs. A. L. Wright, as a Christmas tree, carried out a novel idea; the tiny electric light in her hair was striking and effective. Mrs. Woolcombe was poudre; Mrs. Metaxa, as a flower girl, carried upon her back a basket of grapes apparently delightfully succulent and delicious!

An excellent costume was worn by Lieutenant Hamilton, R.I.M., as a "Spanish Gentleman." His handsome suit of cream satin was richly embellished with gold lace, and a scarlet sash completed a very striking turn-out. A Lieutenant of the Royal Scots with towering shako, in the costume of an officer of the regiment at the time of Waterloo, was deservedly congratulated on an equipment successful both from a sentimental and from a picturesque point of view. Mrs. Hamilton came as the Queen of Hearts, while I have never seen Mrs. Rogers look better than as the Queen of Clubs. Miss Hall looked very pretty, incongruous though the adjective sounds in connection with her Aunt Sally's get-up. Mr. Boyd had affected an almost impenetrable disguise as Mephistopheles, while the sight of a companion spirit (Mr. Adamson) hovering around in close proximity made us glad to note the approach of the black cowled monk (Mr. Binning) and Evangeline, the sweet Puritan maiden, (Miss Holloway.). Mrs. Owen-Dunn in scarlet and green made an effective "poppy," while Mr. Owen-Dunn wore the black with buff facings and brass butttons of the Yacht Club dress, a picturesque costume we should be glad to see introduced and worn by more of the members. Perhaps the most amusing figure in the ball room was Lieutenant Yates, a gallant gunner from Colaba. Grotesque, is, I should think, the epithet which would first strike the mind at sight of his comical get-up. His yellow hair surmounted by a battered cylindrical chapeau ornamented with crimson roses stuck out maddeningly in a queue behind; a short scarlet coat, and white "short longs" completed a fascinating costume, warranted to provoke to laughter the most gloomy Diogenes who ever inhabited tub! Another excellent comicality was Major Lloyd Jones as Ralph Rackstraw. Mr. Barraclough and Mr. Hampson as Twins were pretty and effective satin costumes, while Mr. Tod also wore black and white. Lieutenant Rigg of H.M.S. "Hermes," as an Arab horse dealer, had chosen an ugly if unusual make-up. An animated dancer was a gentleman in pale blue satin with an enormous crescent-shaped head-dress, who probably represented a "blue moon." Mrs. McBain with curling ringlets, made a delightful Red Riding Hood, while another similar dress was worn by Miss Dorothy Horbury, and it would be difficult to say which the wolf would have devoured first. Mr. Reed made an excellent Zanzibari Arab, while his sister looked well as a "Menu." Miss Russell, looking very handsome, was poudre, while Mrs. Rickards made a charming Duchess of Devonshire. Mr. Fisher as an Australian bushranger and Mr. Shanks as an American Cowboy were cool and comfortable; so much, I am afraid, cannot be said for the costume of Colonel Benson, I. M. S., who was attired as a Brahmin. Mrs. Greenfield looked charming as a dairymaid and Mrs. Stanley Reed was very effective as the "Little Milliner." Major Street was excellent as a Toreador, and his complement was Mrs. Maughan who looked gay and sprightly in her Spanish turn-out. Captain Mackie was splendidly disguised in a Tibetan costume, while Mrs. Saunders Slater wore a similar robe. Specially noticeable was the back part of the head-dress which was studded with uncut turquoises. Miss McMaster, a new arrival in Bombay, was a striking Vivandiere, while Mrs. Morland, than whom no one enjoys a dance more thoroughly, wore an original representation of a ladybird. Lieutenant Morland, R. I. M., was a well planned "Bombay Gazette." Mr. Leah, R.N., also represented "the most readable paper in India." Mrs. Houston was "Bridge on the Brain"; Mrs. Street, "German Maidchen," Mr. McClean, of the Royal Scots, a country yokel, while Mr. Kent was a most excellent "Mynheer van Dunck."

Amongst others we noticed Mrs. Hart (Red Riding Hood), a charming daughter of Erin who has lately come to reside in Bombay; Mrs. Miller (Cap and Bells); Mrs. Mce Causland (Folly); Mrs. Adamson (Marguerite); Miss Brooks, a handsome "Pompadour"; Mr. Whit-(Robin Hood); Miss Turner (Duchess of Devonshire); Colonel Dimmock (gentleman of the 17th century) and Miss Dimmock (Princess Grunnhilde.)

Lieutenant Griffin in kilts, with sporran of shaving brushes and medal represented by a tooth powder box, was an original "Knight of the Bath," while another good costume was "Odol." Mr. McBain as "Monsieur Beaucaire" wore a coat of pale blue satin, well set off by a beautifully embroidered pink satin waistcoat. Mrs. Monk was a Dutch girl; Captain Houston "Red Tape;" Mrs. Houston an attractive "Bridgade-table Miss Kennedy "Lily of the Valley;" Mrs. Kent, a charming "Runaway Girl"; while Captain Owen-Dunn had shamrocks embroidered on the white facings of his olive-green suit as "The Order of the Shamrock." Miss Forbes, in blue, made a pretty butterfly; while the Misses Crawford looked well in white silk with pictures hats. Quite one of the most striking groups were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Miss Protheroe, who came as a Turkish family. Miss King was "Red riding hood;" Mrs. Shanks, a Red Cross sister; Captain Gordon, a French marquis; Mr. Savile was a splendid "Mad Hatter," and Mr. Cooper, as an Eton Schoolboy, looked the part to perfection. Mrs. Quin was effective as a Watteau Shepperdess, while Mr. Glenn, whose height, I should judge, is 6 ft. 6 inches, was an amusing figure as a "boy in buttons." Mrs. Crum, as an "ice maiden" was in pure white, with well-simulated icicles depending from skirt and bodice. Mrs. Portlock was a flower-girl; Miss Paul came poudre. I was glad to welcome Captain Novis amongst us once again. He gave an excellent representation of a Port Said donkey-boy, rendered still more life-like by the ruthless shearing of a cherished hirsute appendage. Mr. Jackson was a capital beef-eater; Mrs. Winter a bewitching witch; Professor Muller, a schoolboy; Mrs. Gerystal, a charming Geisha; and Mrs. Turner Laing was one of the striking successes of the evening as "The Beauty of Bath."

Amongst others present, I noticed General and Mrs. Richardson, Madame Hester Otway, Major Talbot and Mrs. Louis Russell, the latter wearing a rich dress of chiffon taffetas, with trimmings of gold embroidery.

I need hardly say that one all-important factor which contributed largely to the success of the evening was the presence of the Band of the G. I. P. R. volunteers, which, under the conductorship of Mr. Mallandaine, discoursed sweet music in unimpeachable time, and greatly conduced to the pleasure of many of us, who will long look back to Monday night's dance, as the best we have yet enjoyed under the auspices of the Royal Bombay Yacht Club.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

"An Appreciative Lady" writes:—All the space upstairs was devoted to dancing, except that portion of the central hall which stands above the porch and the annexe to the dining-room which was converted into a charming little boudoir, in the centre of which a fountain played, and there was a pool of gold-fish in another nook, giving the place a fairy-like and cool appearance. Lovely palms and ferns and flowering plants, interspersed with fairy lights, lined the staircase and were clustered in various parts of the rooms—the whole indicating a vast amount of labour, added to great artistic taste, for which the Manager and his wife, Mrs. Chandler, were responsible. The reward of their efforts was unqualified success. Among what seemed to me the most charming costumes were those worn by Mrs. Adamson, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Aston, Miss Andrews, Mrs Begg, Mrs Bryant, Miss Brooks, Mrs Batty, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Brady, Mrs Boyd, Mrs Crum, Mrs Chrystal, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Froom, Mrs. and Miss Forbes, Mrs. D. Graham, Mrs. St. J. Graham, Mrs. and the Misses Horbury, Mrs. Harter, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hebblethwaite, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Metaxa, Mrs. Monk, Mrs. Muir-Mackenzie, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Morland, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. McBain, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. McCausland, Mrs. Maughan, Mrs. Prevost, Mrs. Payne, Miss Protheroe, Mrs. and Miss Russell, Mrs. Rumboll, Mrs Rickards, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. and Miss Reed, Miss Shuttleworth, Mrs. Savile, Mrs. Symes, Mrs. Street, Mrs. and Miss urner, Mrs. Thomas, the Misses Willis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Woolcombe, Mrs. Wright. I have arranged these alphabetically for convenience of memory, not by order of merit. I cannot find time to tell you what they all wore, but I put a good mark against each one of the above. The men's costumes—some magnificent—were much above the average, though several seemed to think it beneath their diguity to go in anything but the orthodox black.

BOLL-WORM RAVAGES.

Great Fall in Yield of Egyptian Cotton.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, FEBRUARY 12.

The ravages of the boll-worm on Egyptian Cotton grown in Sind has been so serious that the yield of crop per acre was only about two maunds. This has been auctioned and very high prices were obtained, but the total amount realised was only one and a half lakhs

Until the boll-worm appeared in November it was expected that the crop would be worth some seven lakhs.

THE "PUNJABEE" PROSECUTION.

"Killing of Natives by Europeans."

THE case in which the Editor and proprietor of the *Punjabee* is being prosecuted under section 154 (a) I. P. C. by the Punjab Government, is being heard in the Lahore District Court. The charge is that in April last two paragraphs appeared in that paper embodying, it is alleged, an entirely fictitious account of how Mr. Spencer, D. S. P., Gujranwala, shot dead a Mahomedan police sepoy for refusing to carry the carcase of a boar at Wazirabad in December 1899.

Mr. C. B. Pitman, Assistant Legal Remembrancer, gave at length the prosecution story. Mr. Clarence Kirkpatsick, Barrister, who appeared for the proprietor of the *Punjabee*, L. Jaswant Rai, in a long address, explained that the article was based on rumours and the deceased's widow's petition to Government for compensation. Judgment was reserved.

[Fuller details will appear in our evening issue.]

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

ARRIVAL IN BOMBAY.

RECEPTION BY LORD LAMINGTON.

BRILLIANT SCENE AT THE STATION.

His Majesty the Amir of Afghanistan is in Bombay. He arrived, with quite remarkable punctuality, at the time stated in the official communique published yesterday morning, so that after all the delays everything went merrily, and when the Royal train steamed into the Victoria Terminus at half past three yesterday afternoon all the crowd of officials were present, and nothing untoward marred the dignity of the Reception. By three o'clock the red-carpeted platform of the Terminus was a scene of much activity. A guard of honour of 100 of the stalwart men of the 109th Regiment was on duty in two lines at the far end of No. 3 platform under Lieut. Penten with two native officers Lower down, for a distance of about one hundred feet, an enclosure had been formed with strips of red and white bunting concealing the ropes. Within the enclosure a bright scarlet cloth had been laid down the length of the platform, and on either side of the enclosure privileged members of the public were permitted to assemble to view the arrival of the Amir. By a quarter past three the Lieut.-General, Sir Archibald Hunter, Commanding the Western Command, was there, with a number of his staff, in white tunics and blue trousers, and wearing all their decorations. The Hon. Mr. White was early on the scene, a striking figure in his blue uniform, gold lace, and white topee, and wearing his new decoration—in the right place. The Judges soon arrived, Sir Lawrence Jenkins looking almost like a picture out of the "Lives of the Chancellors" in his flowing black robes, lace ruffles, and full bottomed wig. For Sir Lawrence it may in truth be said that he looks his part. Admiral Sir E. Poe arrived with several Officers a little later, and was soon followed by the Bishop and his Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Foote, two stalwart figures in black, the single sombre touch in the gay crowd. His Excellency the Governor arrived at 3-20, looking remarkably well in his Oxford blue uniform, navy blue ribbon and cocked hat, and wearing the K. C. I. E. and the K.C.S.I. Sir Pherozeshah Mehta was also present, sporting his Order. The red carpeted enclosure had been reserved for officers in uniform, while the side gang-ways had been allotted to visitors, and marked off into enclosures, and as the centre space on the left gang way was reserved for the fair sex, a note of picturesqueness was added by the pretty toilettes of the many ladies present.

Immediately the special saloon train steamed into the station the men of the 109th Regiment presented arms and the band played the national authem of Afghanistan. As soon as the train slowed down His Majesty the Amir stepped smartly out of the train, and was at once introduced to Lord Lamington by Sir Henry M'Mahon. His Majesty, though short in stature, presented a striking figure. He was attired in the small round astrachan cap which is the national headgear of his country. His uniform—scarlet tunic, dark blue trousers—was almost exactly like that of an English field-marshal, which is invariably affected by King Edward on occasions of state. And the Amir being stout for his age, but upright withal, and of a bold, alert comportment, struck most of those present as being not a little like King Edward in the matter of figure. He wore five gold medals in a row, and four orders beneath, in the correct position in which King Edward wears them, and they included the Order with which His Majesty was presented at the Chapter at Agra. Altogether the Amir looked the powerful potentate he is.

Having been introduced to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry M'Mahon, the one notable Irishman in the group, at once turned to General Sir Archibald Hunter, Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Admiral Poe, the Bishop, and the Members of His Excellency the Governor's Council, and severally introduced them to His Majesty. Admiral Poe then introduced the naval officers present, the Chief Justice introduced his brother Judges including the new Parsee Judges, Mr. Davar and Mr. Kharegat, General Hunter also introduced the military officers present, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University and the Additional Members of the Council were also presented. The Civil Officers introduced to His Majesty included Mr. Justice Russell; Mr. Justice Chandavarker; Mr. Justice Batty; Mr. Justice Davar; Mr. Justice Khareghat; Mr. Justice Pratt; Mr. R. P. Barrow, Chief Secretary; Surgeon-General Greany; the Hon. Mr. A. C. Logan, Commissioner of Customs; Mr. H. O. Quin, Secretary to Govt. Pol. Dept; and Dr. A. G. Viegas, President of the Municipal Corporation. These little amenities lasted about ten minutes, and then His Majesty inspected the 109th Regiment, walking briskly up and down the lines, and appearing much interested in this smart looking corps. Mean while the great crowd of officers of the Amir, who had travelled with His Majesty, remained in the train, except a few of the Sardars, uniformed in scarlet like their Sovereign, and who followed the inspection a few paces behind His Majesty.

Accompanied by the Governor of Bombay, the Amir then left the Terminus, and proceeded with His Excellency to Government House. It may be mentioned that every point of vantage in the station was taken advantage of by the native sightseers, many hundreds of whom crowded the windows looking on to the platform.

Among those present at the station beside those already mentioned were:—Lieutenant-General G L R Richardson, C B, C S I, C I E, Commanding 6th Poona) Division; the Hon Mr Ibrahim Rahimtoola; the Hon Mr Daji Abaji Khare; the Hon Mr H S Dikshit; the Hon Mr Chimanlal H Setalwad; the Hon Mr Vithaldas D Thackersey; the Hon Sir Walter C Hughes, K C I E; the Hon. Mr H. E. E. Procter; the Hon. Mr. E. Giles, C. I. E.; the Hon. Syed Zain Edrus; the Hon. Mr. Basil Scott, Advocate-General; the Hon. Mr. G. C. W. Dunn: Captain G. H. Hewett, Director, Royal Indian Marine; the Rev. W. A. Dickens, Acting Archdeacon, Bombay; Brigadier General R. M. Greenfield, commanding Bombay Brigade; Brigadier General H. B. B. Watkins, D. A. G., M. H. O. Quin, Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department; Mr. R E. Enthoven, Secretary to Government, General, Marine, Education and Ecclesiastical Departments; Mr. W. L. S. L. Cameron, Secretary to Government, P. W. D.; Mr. Arthur Hill, C. I. E., Joint Secretary, P. W. D., Mr. J. S. Brown, Secretary to Government, P. W. D. (Railway); Surgeon General J. P. Grenny, Surgeon General to the Government of Bombay; Mr. F. C. Harrison, Accountant General, Bombay; Mr. E. A. Doran, C. I. E. Post Master General, Bombay; Major W. G. R. Cordue R. E., Mint Master, Bombay; Lieutenant Colonel F. F. MacCartie, C. I. E., Assay Master, Bombay; Mr. G. W. Hatch, Collector of Bombay; Mr. P. R. Cadell, Collector of Customs, Bombay; Dr. A. G. Viegas, President, Bombay Municipal Corporation; Mr. W. D. Sheppard, Municipal Commissioner; Mr. T. W. Cuffe, Sheriff of Bombay, Mr H G Gell, M V O Commissioner of Police, Bombay; Captain D R L Nicholson, of H M S Hermes; Captain C S Hickley of H M S Highflyer; Captain G H Umfreville of H M S Diadem; Captain C J Eyres, of H M S Spartiate, Commander W S Bowman, of H M S Sphinx; Lieutenant and Commander A B Barker of H M S Lapwing Colonel H W Forbes, Commanding 34th Poona Horse; Col W H E Murray, Commanding 2nd Royal Scots; Lieut.-Col. H S Hazelgrave, Commanding 109th Infantry; Lieut Col G S Hogge, Commanding 113th Infantry; Major E Beckford, R G A; Captain F H Elderton D S O, Assistant Director, R I M; Commander H S Black, of R I M S Dufferin; Commander A Bowman, D S O, Staff Officer, Bombay Dock Yard: Commander S D Yale, of R I M S Canning; Lieut A E Harold, of R I M S Northbrook; Lieut G H Finnis of R I M S Elphinston; Col R H Forman, R A M C, Principal Medical Office, Bombay Brigade; Major J L Mathias, Store and Shipping Office; Major L Kirby, R E, Assistant Commanding R E; Major C G Oldfield, Ordnance Officer, Captain W C Crewe, A S O, Officer Commanding Station Supply; Mr. H N Alexander, Inspector General of Prisons; Mr. W H Lucas, Collector of Salt Revenue; Mr. P R Cadell, Collector of Customs; Mr. H G Quin, Secretary to Government, Political Department; Major R W L Dunlop, B V R A G; Captain W A Short. D A G; Col T W Bromfield, Assistant Quarter Master General; Surgeon General Trion, P M O; Rev John Cameron; "Lieut-Col D G Shelly, B B and C I Railway Volunteers; Col F T Rickards, G I P Railway Volunteers; Mr J W Monie, Under-Secretary to Government, Political Department; Lieut R J C Burke, Attache, Political Department; Captain Reed, Brigade Office; Mr Syed Shamsudin Myan Kadri, Oriental Translator to Government; Col Fitzerald, A A G, Col Benson, P M O; Major Luscombe, Australian Commonwealth Forces; Mr J S

Police Inspectors under the Superintendents of their respective wards guarded the different adjacent roads. Men of the Mounted Police were on the *qui vive* opposite the Victoria Terminus and a detachment of the Force escorted the Royal guest, M. H. G. Gell, M.V.O., the Commissioner of Police, drove in a carriage and pair in front of the procession, while Mr. R. M. Phillips, the Deputy Police Commissioner, supervised all the police arrangements. Thanks to the hard work of these two officials, there were no accidents or disturbances recorded, in spite of the fact that the Mahomedans were much excited at seeing their distinguished co-religionist from Afghanistan amongst them. The military arrangements consisted in providing a Guard-of-Honour of four Squadrons of the Poona Horse and a troop of the Body Guard of H. E. the Governor, which escorted the Amir from the Victoria Terminus to his temporary residence at Ridge Road, Walkeshwar.

THE BANQUET AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Last night H. E. Lord Lamington gave a banquet in honour of H. M. the Amir in Government House, Malabar Point. The Amir was three-quarters of an hour late at the function. The following ladies and gentlemen were invited to the banquet.

Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins, Vice-Admiral Sir Edmond and Lady Poe, Flag-Lt, to the Comdr-in-Chief, the Hon Mr Fulton, the Hon Mr and Mrs Muir Mackenzie, the Rt Rev the Lord Bishop of Bombay, Genl Sir Archibald Hunter, Capt, Jackson, A-D-C, Mr Barrow, the Hon Mr and Mrs Justice Russell, the Hon Mr Justice Chaudavarkar, the Hon Mr and Mrs Justice Batty, the Hon Mr Justice Davar, the Hon Mr Justice Khareghat, the Hon Mr Justice Pratt, the Hon Mr Logan, the Hon Sir Pherozeshah Mehta, the Hon Mr Rahimtoola, the Hon Mr Khare, the Hon Mr Setalvad, the Hon Mr Thackersey, the Hon Sir Walter and Lady Hughes, the Hon Mr, White, the Hon Mr and Mrs Procter, the Hon Mr Scott, the Hon Mr and Mrs Owen Dunn, Br-Genl and Mrs Greenfield, the Rev Archdeacon and Mrs Dickens, Vicomte de Wrem, Mons and Madame Polovtsoff, Mr J S Brown, Mr Cameron, Mr and Mrs Quin, Mr Hill, Mr Enthoven, Sur-Genl Greany, Capt and Mrs Hewett, Mr Harrison, Rev and Mrs Cameron, Mr Gell, Major and Mrs Cuffe, Col and Mrs Forman, Mons Gerard, Mr J Meana, Mr Zuberbuhler, Lt-Col and Mrs Dimmock, Lt-Col Hogge, Lt-Col Barry, Lt-Col and Mrs Crimmin, Lt-Col and Mrs Collie, Lt-Col and Mrs Bannerman, Lt-Col and Mrs Murray, Lt-Col Hazelgrove, Mr Haldeman Dennison, Mr Sheppard, Col and Mrs Forbes, Lt-Col Quicke, Capt C H Umfreville, R N, Lt Genl and Mrs Richardson, Capt Gordon, A D C, Brig-Genl Watkis, Col Fitz Gerald, Surg-Genl Trevor, Col Bromfield, Col Swann, Capt Hickley, R N, the Hon Syed Zainel Elrus, H H the Nawab of Janjira, and Mr E Giles.

H. M. THE AMIR'S HEALTH.

His Excellency the Governor, in proposing the toast of his Royal guest, said:—

I have now to ask you to drink to the health of His Majesty the Amir of Afghanistan whose presence here I welcome both on his own account and because he comes amongst us not only as the ruler of a neighbouring country but also as our friend. The company that I have the honour to entertain are representative of the official life of this Presidency, and on their behalf, and on behalf of Bombay, let me say that we one and all welcome your Majesty to this City. The high position that Your Majesty holds is not your only claim; but through the means of the public Press we have followed your progress through India, we have listened to your utterances, and have noticed your actions. We have observed your keen attention in all the developments of educational, commercial and scientific interest that modern life in India can display; and your desire to see with your own eyes and hear with your own ears as well as your soldierly frankness of bearing, and your candour of speech, have ensured your Majesty that your arrival shall be heartily greeted. We trust that in this City you may find much to interest you. The Harbour alone, and the sea that surrounds us, will, I believe, be something of a novelty to your Majesty, and His Excellency Admiral Poe hopes to show you something of the mechanical and capabilities of ships of war of His Majesty the King Emperor. I pray that you may derive pleasure from your stay in our midst and that when you leave as you may have a pleasant voyage to Karachi, another thriving port of this Presidency. In conclusion I may you have health and safety in your further progress, and may Your Majesty's visit help to cement the bonds of friendship between Afghanistan and the Indian Empire. I now ask you, Ladies and Gentlemen, with full glasses, to drink to the health, safety and happy return to his dominions of the Amir of Afghanistan."

THE AMIR'S SPEECH

His Majesty the Amir replied to the toast in Persian, his remarks being translated by the interpreter. He spoke in a clear and loud voice and the speech was delivered very eloquently.

His Majesty said that with regard to his arrival in India he would not say that he had come to Hindoostan but to the land of "dostan" (*i e* friends). Their friendship was a small plant before he came here, but now His Majesty found himself in such a position that the friendship was like a big tree, and under its shade he sat with them and at the sweet fruits of it. In India His Majesty saw such kind and real friends that for their kindness and attention he did not find enough words to thank them, He assured them that he could not express what he was actually feeling. By seeing so many different things, places and industries in India he had derived a lot of experience and he hoped to benefit his own country in future by that experience. Every time the Government of Afghanistan would make it a point that they remained staunch friends of the Government of India and the Afghans and British would remain good friends. Personally for himself, his Majesty had found so many kind friends in India that he could not say he had come to Hindoostan but he could say that he had come to a country of "dosts" (i.e. friends.) That night they were the guests of one of his so many kind British friends and he would ask them to fill their glasses and join him in drinking to his (Excellency's) health. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk, the diners then adjourned to the Reception Hall, where a public reception was held in honour of the Amir.

RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE reception held by H. E. Lord Lamington at Government House last night, in honour of His Majesty the Amir of Kabul, was one of the most brilliant functions of this season in Bombay. The garden grounds of Government House looked pretty in the mellow light of hundreds of Chinese lanterns. The outlines of the flower beds were picked out by many rows of tumbler buttees, and rosettes of crimson lights added to the attractiveness of the scene. The decorations and illumination inside had been made under the orders of Major Lee, Military Secretary, and the members of the Government House staff; and they may be complimented on the good taste and the right discrimination of the adaptibility of means to end as regarded all the arrangements of the evening. The reception commenced nearly three-quarters of an hour later than the appointed time, namely 10 P.M., for the reason that His Majesty was late in arriving at the State Banquet. His Majesty, however, made ample amends for the delay by the good spirit with which he participated in the proceedings of the reception. His free talk and easy movements from one room into another, the evident pleasure he seemed to derive from what he saw and heard, had a corresponding exhilarating effect upon the other guests of the evening. His Majesty spoke to several ladies in English and put them being Lady Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Lady Mehta, Lady Pestonji Jangira, His Majesty's aide-de-camp, and to the Finance Minister and the Chief Secretary to the Government. His Majesty enquired what was the nationality of Mr Pestonji Jangira, and on what language he spoke, and being told that he also spoke Gujarati, His Majesty humorously said—"I also know a little of Gujarati." Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Sir Jehangir, and Lady Cowasjee Jehangir, Sir Dinshaw and Lady Manockjee Petit, Mr. Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Sir Cursetjee Jamsetjee, and others were also presented to His Majesty. Meeting Mr. Cowasjee Dadhaboy Dubash, His Majesty blandly took his Parsee turban off his head and putting his hand into the hollow of it, facetiously enquired what the opening in it was intended for. Mr. Dubash's reply was that it was for the free passage of air. Proceeding further to the detached verandah where His Excellency the Governor and wife were playing, His Majesty ordered a favourite tune to be played and expressed his satisfaction at the performance. It was after midnight when His Majesty left Government House.

The following is a list of ladies and gentlemen who were invited to the Reception.

Andrews Capt, Mrs and Miss S G D, Anderson, Mr A F, Adamson, Mr and Mrs G. B, Abbott, Rev Dr and Mrs J E, Arnould, Rev and Mrs H L, Anderson, Mr and Mrs Frank, Armstrong, Mr and Mrs C H Aspinwall Mr and Mrs J S, Ashworth Miss M, Atchison Mr H, Aston Mr A B S, Alder Mr W Allum Mr and Mrs E F Adam Mr and Mrs Southcote, Evans Miss, Alexander Mr, Mrs and Miss H N, Aitken Mr and Mrs R, Adam Mr and Mrs P, Baynes Major O E, Barrow Mr R P, Brown Mr J S, Ballantyne Mr Harry, Barret, Mr Charless, Batty the Hon Mr and Mrs Justice, Bowen Mr and Mrs J C, Byrne Mr and Mrs C H Begg Mr and Mrs J, Brady Mr and Mrs W H, Barr Dr and Mrs, Benson Dr A M, Britto Dr and Mrs A, Byrne Mr P, Baird Mr A E Blakeman Mr and Mrs W, Britto Mr J L, Bickel Mr F W, Bottom Mr G, Batey Mr W K, Bickford Major and Mrs E, Boyd Mr and Mrs A E, Barraclough Mr L, Burat Mr and Mrs E H, Brand Mr D H, Byrt Mr A H, Bell Mr W M, Beaumont Comdr, E J, Burns Mr and Mrs Cecil, Bannerman Lt-Col. and Mrs W B, Brown Miss Crommelin, Brown Miss I, Crommelin, Berne Capt I G, Beale Mr P J, Blunt Mr Leslie, Barr Mr G, Burke Lt. and Mrs E C, Berry Lt-Col. J. F, Bamberger Lt C D N, Baron Rettoni Morpurgs, Bevan Leady, Bushe Capt and Mrs C K, Birkett Mr T W, Brooks Mr. and Mrs. J C, Brown Mr. J G, Bolleau Lt-Col and Mrs. F R F, Bird Lt-Col W P, Benoriguten Lt, Baddeley L-Col and Mrs. C E, Brewin Major T P, Brooks Mr. G H. Brooks Miss, Biscoe Lt. J V M, Bell Col. and Miss I A, Battey Mrs. H E, Boese Rev. H, Chalk Mr. and Mrs, G F, Cameron-Mr, W L, Card za Rev. F Anthony Mendes, Cohen Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Cameron Mr. Alastair, Coleman Mr. and Mrs. G B, Crommelin Mr., Mrs. and Miss, Childe Major and Mrs. L F, Combe Mr. L, Contis Mr. and Mrs. E Hadrian, Coombs Mr. and Mrs, Chrystal Mr. and Mrs. James P, Blark Mr. and Mrs. Frank J, Clare Mr. Percy Compton Mr. A H, Cresswell Mr. Fredk, Cooper Mr. A T, Campbell Miss, Cousens Mr. Henry, Cuffe Mr. and Mrs T W, Collister Mr. I G H, Carlton Lt. and Mrs. H D, Crimmin Lt-Col and Mrs. M O, Cox Capt. and Mrs. W H, Campbell Mr. R G, Croosse Capt W C, A S E. Cusins Miss, Cameron Rev. and Mrs. John, Crum Mr. and Mrs. W E, Crawford Mr., Mrs. and Miss Leslie, Cadell Mr. P R, Croft Miss, Cardale Mr. and Mrs. W H Collie Lt-Col and Mrs., Cochrane Mr. and Mrs. R D, Channer Lt-Col and Miss O H, Campbell Mr. A S, Clement-Mr. Sidney, Clark Mr. and Miss W M F, Capper Brig-Genl T, Chichester Mrs., Cayzer Sir and Lady Charles, Cayzer Mr. Herbert R, Cordue Major W G R, Coleman Mr. F M, Clifton Mr. and Mrs. C N, Cahusac Lt-Col, Chapman Major, Cambell Mr. C S, Cunningham Lt-Col and Mrs, Campandli Mr Felice Georges, Dunkerley Mr and Mrs J H Dunn the Hon Mr and Mrs G O, Dawson Mr and Mrs F G, Royal, Dysart Miss, Dimmock Lt-Col Mrs and Miss, De Quadros Dr and Mrs J T D'Almeida Mr J C, Dickins Mr and Mrs W A, Dracup, Mr J W S, Dennison Mr E H, Dickinson Capt W H, Davison Mr and Mrs D H, David Sir and Lady Sassoon, Dorey Mr A G, Dunlop Mr R W L, Dwyer Miss J F, Doran Mr and Mrs E A, Dougoty Sir George. Drekmann Rev F, Dallas Lt-Col J, Enthoven Mr R E, Edwardes Mr and Mrs S M, Fachiri Mr and Mrs, Fleischer Mr and Mrs M W, Fisher Lt Reginald W, Foote Rev H, Fraser Mr Lovat, French Mr and Mrs V C, Fulton the Hon Mr E M H, Fipnis Lt G H, Froom Mr and Mrs Arthur, Forman Col and Mrs R H, Fernandes Rev P A, Forbes Mr and Mrs C H B, Forbes Miss, Forbes Miss A F, Forbes Mr Alister, Forbes Lt-Col James S, Faulkner Mr Edgar, Flynn Anderson Rev J R, Fosbery Mr and Mrs A C W, Forbes Col and Mrs A W, Field Dr J W, Fanshawe Lt and Mrs L A, Fairclough Mr and Mrs J, Gerard Mrs Maxaine, Glen Mr W W M Kadan, Garrett Mr and Mrs A J, Greany Surg-Genl J P, Gubbin Lt-Col G F, Gostling Mr and Miss D, Green Mr and Mrs W, Turner, Gell Mr H G, M V O, Green Sele Br, Genl, and Mrs. R M, Gordon Mr F F, Gaeenwood Miss Graham Mr and Mrs. St John, Grahm Miss, Grahm Mr and Mrs D M, Gloster Capt T H, Gray Mr Cecil Greaves Mr and Mrs Herbert R, Gillespie Capt and Mrs. R, Goodlder Lloag Lieut C, Gordon Capt H F, Howard Mr and Mrs W H K, Hughes the Hon Sir and Lady, Hill Mr A, Hardcastle Mr and Mrs F G, Hitchin Capt, and Mrs C D, Hawes Mr and Mrs C, Hawes Mr C A, Harrison Mr Frank, Hutchinson Mr F Gordon, Hutchinson the Misses Gordon, Harter Mr and Mrs R W, Hatch Mr G W, Hill Mr F R, Hormes Mr Mrs H, Hill Rev E E, Hartley Mr and Mrs L W, Hall Mr O, Hopkins Mr and Mrs R H H, Harrison Mr F C, Houston Capt and Mrs W M, Haymes Capt and Mrs R L, Hamilton Mr and Mrs W F, Hunter Genl Sir Archibald, Herbert Major H, Hojel Major and Mrs I G, Henderson Mr W G, Hocken Capt and Mrs C A F, Hamilton Lt and Mrs O J H, Hutchinson Capt L F R, Harbury Mrs and the Misses, Herbert Mr and Mrs W I E, Harold Lt A E, Heywood Rev and Mrs Janen, Hilson Miss, Hilliard Col and Mrs W E, Holloway Miss E, Hampson Mr Stanley, Happer Capt and Mrs H A L, Hall Mr and Mrs Joseph, Hogg Mr Malcolm N, Harvey Mrs W L, Hopman Mr and Mrs E, Hewett Capt and Mrs G, Hooper Lt J C, Hart Mr and Mrs H E, Hebblethwaite Mr and Mrs H P, Hoare Mr I J, Harris Miss A M, Hickley Capt C S, Hanbury Mr and Mrs Phillip, Hodgson Lt E E, Ireland Mr and Mrs R H, Ingle Mr and Mrs Fred, Jenkins Sir and Lady Lawrence, James Mr and Mrs Tom, Jardine Mr and Mrs M R, Joyce Mrs Samuel, Jackson Capt J D, Joslen Major F, Jackson Capt F A, Jackson Mr E R d, Jones on Mr and Mrs H S, Jackson Miss I, James Mrs H C, Jennings Major J W, Kirby Major N, Kiddy Mr and Mrs W, Knight Mr and Mrs J K, Kiddle Capt H H, Kyle Miss, Kennedy Lt-Col and Mrs W P, King Miss Dorothy, King Capt A F W, Kent Mr and Mrs R J, Khanderley Miss, Laing Rev and Mrs James, Logan Mr and Mrs A C, Loving Mr A, Love Mr D K, Leslie Rogers Mr and Mrs J B, Latimer Mr James H, Lee Howard Mr and Mrs J H, Laing Mr and Mrs A Turner, Lang Mr Basil N, Lamb Major and Mrs, Liston Capt and Mrs W H, Lund Major G, Lund Miss, Lund Miss E E, Luck Mr and Mrs A R R, Leslie Mr Melville, Lambert Mr and Mrs E T, Leggatt Mrs, Leslie Mr NUK, Lucas Mr W H, McKenzie Mr and Mrs A L, Monie Mr and Mrs P W, Martin Mr H, Meana Mr J, McKenzie Mr and Mrs Geo, Metaxa Mr and Mrs J N, Maitment Mr and Mrs R W, Monteath Mr J, McKenzie Mr and Mrs K E, Monteath Mr G, Meyer Major and Mrs C H I, Mackichan Rev Dr, Mrs and Miss, Murray Miss, McDonald Mr James, McDonald Capt J H, Millard Mr and Mrs W S, Marland Lt and Mrs H, Monk Mr and Mrs J E, Meyer Mr C F, Mitchell Mr and Mrs A, McBain Mr and Mrs J A D, Muir Mackenzie the Hon Mr Mackie Capt F Percival, Martin Capt and Mrs H Graham, Moses Mr M, Macnee Mr and Mrs H C, Meyer Capt and Mrs J L, Miller Mr and Mrs George, Moir Mr and Mrs G W, Milne Mr J S, Wardlaw, Macleod Mr and Mrs H C, Maughan Mr and Mrs N Michael Mr and Mrs C J, Mill Miss, Mill Miss L, Meikle Mr H G W, Meredeth Mr W F S, Murphy Mr R W, Macbeth Mr and Mrs W B, Moss Major Allan, Murray Col and Mrs W H E Maddock Mr Thomas, Muller Prof Osvald V, Mehead Mr N C, McCausland Mr and Mrs G H, Martin Rev A S J, McDougall Prof and Mrs E H, Moses Mr and Mrs S E, Marsh-Dunn Rev R M, Macbed Mr Francis J H, Mangan Mr, Mrs and Miss, McWherter Mr James, Moose Mr and Mrs R G L, Morris Mrs, Mauld Rev H and Mrs, Mussen Mr J M, Massori Lt Gmseffe, Norbury Mr and Mrs G F, Norbury Miss, Norbury Miss Dorthy, Nash Capt H E P, and Mrs, Nomico Lt C G, Newnham Major W F, Novis Capt. 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Store Mr J J, Shah Mr L A, Sethna Mr and Mrs P C. Sakoorbhoy Mr and Mrs and Miss A, Sethna Mr R D, Saiyed Mr Y S H, Seervai Dr H N and Mrs, Shroff Mr and Mrs K B, Sunderdas N Mrs, Shirazee Mr and Miss M M, Seth Mr C K, Sathe Mr R B S G, Sanjana Mr D D P, Tata Dr D R, Mrs and Miss, Tripathi Mr I M, Turner Mr A K, Turkhan Dr D A and Mrs, Teongaiker Mr Ibrahim, Talati Mr and Mrs E D, Tricumjee Mr and Miss G, Taleyarkhan Mr F P and Mrs, Turner Mrs S A K, Tikamdas Mr K Tyabji Mr A and Mrs, Tyabji Mr and Mrs C, Thackersey Mr M D, Thackersey Mr H P, Tyabji Mr S A, Tyabji Mr and Mrs H B, Tyabji Mr F B Tukaram J Mr Tribhovandas V Mr and Mrs, Temulji B N Dr, Talckerkar Mr R B A R and Mrs, Tribhowandas and Mr M, Unvala Mr and Mrs A F, Vaidya Rao Br V R, Vatcha G Mr and Mrs R N, Vakit Mr F A and Miss, Wasseodeo Mr and Mrs, Bal V, Wadia Mr N M, Wadia Mr H H, Wadia Mr and Mrs, L N, Wadia Mr and Mrs and Miss J A, Wadia Mr and Mrs C A, Wadia Mr N P N, Wadia Mr and—Mrs R D, and Wadia Mr K D.

The following telegram was sent by Lord Lamington Monday 11th February, 1907 :—

To His Majesty the Amir of Afghanistan.

From His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

I beg to tender Your Majesty a hearty welcome to the Bombay Presidency and trust your visit will prove a pleasant one.

To which His Majesty replied from Igatpuri :—

"In answer to your kind welcoming telegram I have the pleasure to send you my thanks, and hope to pass the few days of my stay in Bombay pleasantly."

THE AMIR'S BUNGALOW.

At least one item in the Amir's recollections of his visit to Bombay will surely survive for his lifetime—the pleasant hours he will spend during the next three days on the Ridge of Malabar Hill. All that has gone before has been a moving panorama of pageantry, a round of speechifying, a glamour of military splendour, the coming and going of uniformed officials, a ride here and a motor there, ending up with a long and tedious journey across rocky hills and sandy deserts, through crowded cities and forests of palms. But to-day, and to-morrow, and the next day, Habibullah Khan will spend the first hours by the ever-changing sea that have fallen to his lot. And surely no globe-trotter who has "seen the world" has ever gazed upon a more lovely seascape than that which will greet the Amir's eyes this morning. When His Majesty strolls on to his verandah at sunrise to-day he will see, hundreds of feet below, the blue waves rolling on the beach, while in the back ground of the picture are the blue hills that make the Harbour of Bombay one of the most enchanting spots in all Creation. In the centre of the picture is the long line of the City of Bombay —a long, irregular, thin grey line of palms, domes, towers, masts and chimneys, jutting out into the sea from the mainland, and silhouetted sharply against the white spangles of the morning sun upon the sea. Right over the city the small craft of the fishermen and tonywallas ride gently upon the calm waters, while the gigantic warships stand out bold and still against the distant hills. Opposite Colaba point the Prongs lighthouse looks like a big toy standing alone upon a smooth white table. And if the environments are perfect little less ideal are the Afghan monarch's immediate surroundings in his bungalow on the Ridge. The place, though not large for an Eastern potentate, is none the less a delightful residence, and fit habitude of a Monarch, where he can overlook all around, and never be overlooked. Occupying, as it does, the highest point of the promontory, the bungalow built for Sir Adamji Peerbhoy commands views rivalled by no Imperial Palace in Europe. It is entered by a handsome arched portico, where pot plants relieve every ugly corner, through a small garden full of foliage and flowers. On arriving on the ground floor of the bungalow, access is gained to the upper floor from either end of the verandah by flights of stairs handsomely carpeted. On this upper floor His Majesty has his state apartments, and very handsome they are too. At the South end of the suite of rooms is His Majesty's office, a delightful apartment fitted with a bureau, safe, desk and chairs, with a handy-looking table fan. From this suggest of "offices" His Majesty enters the Drawing Room, a palatial apartment, with a great array of settees, sofas, and comfortable fauteuils upholstered in a dainty sea green pattern with soft pink roses. His Majesty is provided with a handsome tall silver-plated spitoon, with a lid in the same artistic chintz. The table lamps are striking, being erected on handsome glass pedestals, and the electric rays pass through quaint designs in coloured glass butterflies, while the handsome mirrors and chandeliers in glass make the Chamber one of great luxury.

Just below the office, by the way, is a small plot of grass topping a cliff, and decently railed. In the centre of this plot rises the mast from which floats the flag of Afghanistan—a sombre symbol in black cloth, with a musjid in white in the centre, showing the pulpit inside, and flanked by two minarets and two upright pennon. Below the design are cannon crossed. Around the flagmast are set boxes of pink convolvulus, looking very attractive and dilletante.

From the Drawing Room the Amir enters his bedroom, which is also a very fine apartment, with a striking bed in brasswork and silk in the centre, and a handsome wardrobe. The dressing room is attached, with silver backed hair brushes and other toilet requisites, and artistically designed and shaded pedestal lamps in silver, silver candlesticks and a washstand and electric fan. The dressing room opens on to a corridor running right across the bungalow. Then comes a room containing beds for six of His Majesty's Ghulam buchas, while the next room has accommodation for nine of these young nobles, who serve His Majesty as pages.

Then one enters the dining hall, a spacious apartment, which to-night will be a bower of flowers, with the walls covered in bl

THE LADIES' CORNER.

VARIETY IN EVENING GOWNS.

PICTURESQUE effect is the great aim of the evening gowns of the moment, and every line of the gown every combination of colour, every bit of trimming, and every accessory is made a party to that object. A fact that must be taken into consideration, however, is that it is a very short step that lies between the artistic and the ridiculous, for the combination of the Empire and Princess style is bound to be responsible for many weird effects. The scarves are one of the chief items, and are the correct thing for the Empire evening gowns, and through them the Parisian dressmakers are achieving charming effects. An evening gown in grey silk was built on the Empire and Princess lines. There was no trimming save the lace frills forming the short sleeves and the corsage finish, but for use with the frock was provided a wide, soft silken scarf of a lovely rose-pink, trimmed at the ends with band of fur. Another gown that presented an air of richest simplicity had a broad surplice, the outer edge daintily embroidered, and this crossed at the bust and was tucked in at either side of the deep waist belt, which was formed of folds of rich velvet, brought very high up in the back. Fastened underneath the waist-belt at the back was a knot from which long chiffon streamers fell nearly to the hem of the gown.

FOR VERY YOUNG GIRLS.

For the young girl there is no evening dress so charming as one of soft white silk, and the fashionable girl is going in more than ever for chiffon, mousseline, and tulle. In spite of their absolute simplicity, these dresses come a little expensive, as it is impossible to economize in the making up of transparent material and still obtain good results. Silk linings throughout are necessary, and there must be a veiling of chiffon between the lining and the top material, besides quantities of silk and chiffon frills around the skirt edge. Among the soft gleaming silks the always popular crepe de Chine or a Liberty satin will prove a wise choice, the last named wearing far better than the lighter-weight satin-finished silks, which are, perhaps, somewhat newer. One of the season's triumphs in material is the satin velvet. It comes in a satin weight, with softness and lustre combined with a finish which suggests a velvet surface. This material hangs in soft, graceful folds, and is wonderfully supple. Crepe de Chine embroidered in self-colour or with a woven raised design is another new idea, and the designs and colour schemes in some of the flowered crepes and other silks are very dainty. Nets of all kinds continue among the popular materials for evening wear and a pretty and girlish gown made in Paris had a full skirt of very light white silk in dull finish, and below the knees this silk skirt broke into a number of frills of fine dotted net, put on in festooned lines, with a garland of tiny roses marking the line between the silk and net. The bodice was trimmed in harmony with the skirt, the whole effect being most chic. In Paris they are using many artificial flowers on evening gowns and there are some novel ideas shown in arranging them. A pretty fancy is to trim the bottom of short sleeves with lines of roses without foliage. The flowers are half covered with a drapery of tulle, and are often of another colour or of a deeper tone than that of the gown.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

The Question of Insurance.

The following are excerpts from the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, held on the 29th January.

Considered papers underlying Circular No. 370 of 1906 on the following memo. by the Chairman, dated 12th December 1906, regarding the fire insurance of the Board's Chawls:—I request the orders of the Board on the above subject.

We have up to now insured our buildings and pay premia annually as follows:—

6 Blocks of chawls at Agripada	...	Rs.	814 3 0
1 Blocks, Nagpada	...	...	„ 101 4 0
Trustees' Offices	...	...	„ 313 12 0
Trustees' Office furniture	...	...	„ 46 10 8
Government House, Parel	...	...	„ 136 4 0
Total	...	Rs.	1,442 1 8
Less 25 per cent. Commission	...	„	360 8 5
Nett	...	Rs.	1081 9 3

The question of insuring the New Chawls at Chanawadi has now come up. These buildings are constructed of concrete and iron, the roofs being also reinforced concrete. The only wood used is for framing of the door shutters, the panels of which are asbestos—the door frames are iron. The staircases are of reinforced concrete. These buildings may therefore be considered fireproof, and I think it would be needlessly adding to the maintenance charges to insure them or any others which may be of similar construction.

I am not inclined to recommend that we cease the insurance on the older chawls as there is a lot of woodwork in them, in joists floors, posts, etc., more especially in the 4 blocks first constructed but I would like the Board's orders.

I think we might cease to insure Government House Parel, and I note that Government never insure their buildings. In this case however we recover proportionate cost of insurance along with the Municipal Taxes.

The Chairman mentioned that he had caused enquiries to be made of several Insurance Offices in the City as to a special rate which they would offer for insurance of the chawls having reference to the fact that the buildings are practically fire-proof and that he had received replies to the effect that the ordinary rate was 3 annas per cent nett but that at a meeting of the Fire Insurance Association where the matter was discussed it was decided that the rate should be 2 annas per cent nett.

After discussion the Chairman having proposed that the chawls should not be insured, the proposal was agreed to by a majority.

Mr. Wacha having demanded a poll, the result was as follows:—

For	Against
Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey.	Dr. Viegas,
Sir Bhalchandra Krishna.	Sir Sassoon David.
The Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola.	Mr. Wacha.
Mr. Sheppard.	„ Forbes.
„ Brown.	
„ Hatch.	
Sir Walter Hughes.	
The Chairman.	
Mr Cuffe did not vote.	

It was accordingly resolved.—

Resolution no. 23.—The chawls should not be insured.

Considered papers underlying Circular on the following, regarding the proposal for making the site of the Government Mews and the Engineer's Stores on the Hornby Road Estate available for the Trust:—

(a) Letter from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, of the 22nd December.

With reference to your letter dated 27th January 1904, and subsequent correspondence, I am directed to state that on full consideration of the facts connected with the question of the General Mews and Engineer's Stores Government have come to the conclusion that the following proposal will best meet the situation.

The Government Mews were no doubt originally constructed with a view to providing cheap stabling for officers attending office in the Fort, but Government do not consider they are bound to continue the present arrangement under the changed circumstances of to-day. They have therefore decided to close the Government Mews and abandon the idea of requiring the Trust to construct new Mews on another site. The only question that now remains to be settled is that relating to the Engineer's Stores, and for this Government consider the best arrangement will be to resume from the Trust plots Nos. 79 and 80 shown on the plan accompanying Mr. Rebsch's letter No. 2476, dated 16th April 1904, under Section 60 (7) of the Bombay Improvement Trust Act and utilise them for the purpose of erecting a new building for Stores; plots 77 and 73 being cleared and made over to the Trust as building plots on their paying to Government the sum of Rs. 40,000, being the estimated cost of the new building for the Stores. It is understood that this arrangement will meet the Trust's views while it suffices for the requirements of the Public Works Department Stores in Bombay. The resumption of plots 79 and 80 instead of 77 and 78 is, moreover, calculated to be advantageous to the Trust, inasmuch as the area in the former case is less the building would cost less, and the site is less the building would cost less, and the site is less valuable than in the case of the latter. I am to request that you will be good enough to favour Government with the views of the Trustees on the above proposal.

The Chairman having explained the effect of the proposal it was resolved—

Resolution—The proposal may be agreed to.

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BY THE WAY.

CERVANTES' HERO IN ENGLISH PLAYS.

Don Quixote figures in many English plays, chiefly as a burlesque creation; but it will be remembered that a more serious trifle, in one act, by the late W. G. Wills, was produced by Sir Henry Irving at the Lyceum in 1895, Irving himself playing the Don and Mrs. Lacy appearing as Dulcinea. There was an old version of "Don Quixote" played in London as far back as 1694, with Bowen as the Knight and Mrs. Bracegirdle as Marcella; Fielding's "Don Quixote in England" (1734) brought Roberts, Mullart, and Macklin into the cast at the little theatre in the Haymarket, of which the novelist and playwright was afterwards lessee; Sir C. A. Macfarren's opera was done at Drury Lane by a company including Allen Weiss, and Miss Rainforth; and in recent years Mr. Harry Paulton and Mr. Arthur Roberts have exploited extravagant musical versions of the story.

ST. AGNES AND THE "PALLIUM."

St. Agnes has inspired a famous poem of Keats, and given her pretty name to many delightful British damsels; but her festival, which falls on January 21, is now ungratefully forgotten. Yet this is one of the four anniversaries ordered by the Synod of Worcester in 1240 to be kept as a holiday from work by all the women of England. At Rome two lambs were wont to be blessed on this festival, with whose fleece were made the white "palls" bestowed by the Pope on the archbishops within his patriarchate. Our present Primate still wears the "pallium," but only upon his coat of arms, and without Papal permission. According to the Floral Directory, the Christmas rose, which cheers these chary January days, is dedicated to St. Agnes.

A REVOLUTION IN STAMP-SELLING.

The American Press reports that the United States Post Office is about to take the extraordinary step of overprinting all stamps sold in nearly 6,000 of the more important towns with the name of the place where they are sold. It is hoped by this means to check the robberies of stamps from post-offices which have lately been carried out by organised bands on a large scale. This plan might help detectives to trace the thieves, but it would be in the highest degree inconvenient to the general public if, as the comments of the philatelic journals would lead one to believe, it means that no stamps could be used on letters posted in Boston except such as bore the Boston overprint. Business houses which receive remittances of postage-stamps in payment of small purchases would especially suffer.

THE WAR AGAINST ABSINTHE.

The war against absinthe is extending. Some time ago the sale of it was forbidden in Belgium. Now M. Breton has introduced into the French Chamber of Deputies a Bill forbidding the manufacture and sale of essences and liqueurs having absinthe as a basis. The penalties imposed for breaches of the law are, according to the "British Medical Journal," imprisonment for three months to two years, and fines from 50fr. to 10,000fr. (£2 to £400). The term of imprisonment and the fines may be imposed together or separately. In Switzerland the Committee appointed to consider a petition asking that the sale of absinthe should be prohibited in the Canton of Geneva has, after careful examination of reports of medical, economic, and legal sub-committees, unanimously decided to propose to the Grand Council a scheme of forbidding the retail sale of absinthe or any similar product.

WHERE OUR FRUIT COMES FROM.

The recent earthquake in Jamaica will luckily have little or no effect upon the banana traffic, which has of late years assumed huge proportions. We gather from Part XVIII. of "The Atlas of the World's Commerce" (Newnes), just published, that the average annual exports of the popular fruit from that island now reaches the sum of about £900,000, and even a temporary cessation of supplies would have a serious effect upon our markets. Canada is coming to the front as an apple-growing country. In ten years this crop has increased by some ten millions of bushels annually. The U.S.A. occupies the premier position as an apple grower, with colossal figures—133 million bushels annually—and the trade is still a-lvancing with giant strides. The favourite fruits with Britons are apples, oranges, raisins, currants, and bananas, in the order named.

AUCTIONS BY "THE INCH OF CANDLE."

The recent "letting by candle-light" of the parish meadow in the village of Broadway, Dorsetshire, is a curious survival of the old reposeful days when time was measured by the divisions on a burning candle. Some say the custom originated centuries ago in Holland; but, when or where its origin may have been, it was a flourishing institution in Pepys's day: "In our office (the diarist records in 1660), where we met for the sale of two ships by an inch of candle, I observed how they did invite one another, and how at last they all did cry, and we had much to do to tell who did cry last." Sales by the candle were almost daily events in the eighteenth century at Garray's and other London coffee-houses; and it is said to record that they frequently "degenerated into a drunken orgy." The quaint, old-world custom still lingers in the West of England—notably in Devonshire, and at Cheslyn, near Bridgwaters, where an acre of land was sold recently by the burning of half an inch of candle, the last bidder before the light died out being declared the purchaser.

THE ANGLER'S PARADISE.

Forty years ago there was not a single trout in all the length and breadth of New Zealand. To-day New Zealand trout are famous all over the world for their size and numbers, and thousands of fishermen come every year simply and solely to fish—to fish all the time and do nothing but fish. There is no doubt at all, says the "County Gentleman," about New Zealand being the angler's Paradise. Everything possible is done to help him and encourage him and make him comfortable. Hotels in some parts exist solely for him, hotel managers are always ready to give advice, and in every town and village fishing-tackle shops abound, where polite proprietors are ready with rods, flies, baits and information of all kinds about the state of the rivers, the fish in them, the sort of fly to be used and everything else that the would-be fisherman may want to know. What a pity it is that New Zealand is so far away!

TRAVELLING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The Portsmouth blacksmith who, for a wager, has set himself the laborious task of trundling two 6ft. carriage-wheels from Portsmouth to Newcastle and back has had many predecessors in strange and inconvenient forms of locomotion. Not long ago an enthusiastic sportsman left Brussels on a journey round the earth, walking backwards; and in 1902 Rudolf Hausdian, a young Austrian, reached Vienna after pushing a perambulator, containing his wife and child a distance of 14,000 miles. A few years ago Marius B. Schroder, a Danish journalist, was making his way round the globe with his hands tied for twenty-two hours each day, the condition of his wager being that during the remaining two hours he should earn his travelling expenses; and Johann Beck, a German, travelled all the way from Hamburg to New York a voyage which occupied fifteen days, shut in a packing-case 6ft. long 4ft. high and 3ft. wide, on which tons of freight were piled.

THE "CHRISTOWELL" OF BLACKMORE.

Widecombe, the remote Dartmoor parish where the famous church is being restored, should be a sacred spot to all lovers of R. D. Blackmore, being the original of "Christowell." The magnificent church of St. Pancras, called the "cathedral of the Moor," stands beside the little river Webburn—a tributary of the Dart—and possesses a fine pinnacled tower, which was struck by lightning during Divine service in 1638. The tragic scene is described in "Christowell," though a later date was chosen for the catastrophe by Blackmore. It was also commemorated at the time in some quaint verses composed by the village schoolmaster, which are still preserved on the inner walls of the tower.

THE DANGERS OF TOBOGGANING.

The Cresta Run, which has brought the gallant career of Captain R. H. S. Pennell, V. C., to such a tragic end, is probably the most dangerous, as it is the speediest, tobogganing course in the world. It is 1,000 yards long, with a fall of 200 feet, and has nine formidable corners or banks, built on to different angles, three of which are nearly right-angled turns. Down the ice-covered course the tobogganar flashes with the speed of an express train, swinging round the corners and at each narrowly escaping a catastrophe. Such, however, are his nerve and skill, that accidents are rare, and tragedies such as has overtaken Captain Pennell almost unknown. The course of a mile has frequently been covered in 67 seconds, and at one part of it, the "Shuttlecock" running ground, a speed of 86 miles an hour has been reached.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Little Jack London
Sat in a corner
Writing a Christmas story:
He dipped in his pen
And wrote five thousand words,
And made about nine hundred dollars.
—New York Mail."

One fears that some of the contributors to the "Gentleman's Magazine" is not a very ardent golfer. "Golf," he says, "is a noble game, but it requires the best part of a county and a host of a caddie with a load of furniture before you can play it at all." He has made an omission of which no really keen player would have been guilty—the vocabulary.

BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

An amusing misprint is recorded by the "Athenæum," which has discovered the first line of Keats's well-known poem in a French literary periodical as

"Birds of passion and of mirth."

The confusion between *birds* and *bards* seems to be not unnatural, since we can add to this a misprint which nearly found its way into the first edition of Henley's "Book of Verses," only that Mr. Walter Blaikie "spotted" it in time. In that beautiful elegy which begins

"A late twitters from the quiet skies" an ingenious compositor or corrector of the press had made a conjectural emendation, and it read, "A lake poet twitters . . . ." If this had been allowed to stand we should have found some laborious German in future years writing a long note on this interesting confirmation of the fundamental idea in Wordsworth's "Intimations of Immortality."

SIR JAMES FERGUSSON.

The lamented death of Sir James Fergusson in the Kingston earthquake reminds us of his solitary incursion into the fields of literary criticism. He raised an interesting question, a few years ago, when he wrote to the "Spectator" to protest against the license of the historical novelist. A well-known Scottish novelist, Mr. Neil Munro, introduced an ancestor of Sir James Fergusson into one of his novels, and placed him in a rather uncomplimentary light. This was Lord Kilkarran, one of the three judges who sat to try James of the Glens for the Appin murder, which afforded the central incident of Stevenson's "Kidnapped" and "Catriona." The novelist described this Lord of Session as having the barbarity to be seen playing cards in the carriage in which he drove away from the Inveraray Court house, after helping the Duke of Argyll to condemn James Stewart to death. Sir James Fergusson was much annoyed at this aspersion on the character of an ancestor who had only been in his grave for a century and a half, and uttered a vigorous protest against "an expedient lately adopted by certain novelist to spice their works of fiction by introducing by name real characters not so long gone that they can be called historical, and describing them in fancied garb to suit the exigencies of their stories." It is perhaps only in Scotland that family feeling runs so high as to justify this enthusiasm for the reputation of an ancestor who has been dead for a hundred and forty years, though of course it must be remembered that Sir James Fergusson was born in 1832, and may have known people to whom Lord Kilkerran was a living memory. It was pointed out that Scott and Stevenson had spoken much more strongly of the three judges who condemned James Steward than Mr. Munro. In the introduction to "Rob Roy" Scott described the death of James of the Glens as an act of vengeance. . . obtained in a manner little to the honour of the dispensation of justice at that time." Stevenson was even more severe on the conduct of Argyll who as Lord Justice General was the president of the Court, 'James was as fairly murdered," said David Balfour, "as though the Duke had got a fowling piece and stalked qim." To describe one of the judges as callous enough to play cards as hr drov away could hardly be regarded as blackening his judicial character. Far stronger instances of callousness are recorded of the Scottish Bench in the eighteenth century witness Braxfield's remark to a defendant that he was a vera clever chiel but would be none the waur o' a hanging."

FACT AND FICTION.

On the general question of a novelist's right to deal somewhat liberally with real historical characters the opinion of the best critics is against Sir James Fergusson. He must be allowed a certain latitude, and the descendants of those real persons who wander across the pages of his fiction ought not to show themselves unduly thin-skinned. He is generally judged to be in error if he runs' counter to any of the broad verdicts of history: a novelist who should select Guy Fawkes as his hero or John Howard as his villain, who should make out that Elizabeth was unchaste or Nelson cowardly, would alienate the sympathy of his readers with probably fatal result to the success of his story. Shakespere's memory is smirched by the libertios which he took with Joan of Arc, though we think none the worse of Scott for making out the Scottish Solomon more of a fool than he really was, or of Blackmore for adding a human touch to the infamous memory of Jeffreys. It is a hopeless task to limit the liberties which the historical novelist may take with the minor characters of history. As he is forced to make some of them better than they really were, so he may make some of them worse. But it is rather hard on him to be threatened for this with informal actions for libel, to be tried before the court of criticism. If he overdoes his inaccuracies he will be punished by the refusal of people to read things that strike them with repulsion: but it is hardly fair to expect him to be always considering the susceptibilities of the living descendants of those real persons whom he utilised for his purpose of story-telling. In his latest novel Mr. Stanley Weyman thought it necessary to apologise to the possible descndants of one of his real characters for the account of his actions which was given, and Mr. Meredith has mad the amende honourable for the liberties which he took with the character of Mrs. Norton. But this is perhaps a counsel of perfection, and it is too much to ask that the average novelist should submit his proof-sheets to all the descendants of the real characters whom he has forced to play their part again on his mimic stage.

A DISCOVERY.

In a letter to the current number of "T. P.'s Weekly" Mr. Bertram Dobell to whom we owe the recent discovery of Thomas Traherne's poems, makes an interesting announcement. He tells us that he has rescued from oblivion the work of another poet of the seventeenth century—that William Strode whom Anthony a Wood described as an eminent poet, and of whom Mr. Sidney Lee asserts, in the "Dictionary of National Biography," that much of his work still remains in manuscript "and well deserves printing." Some of Strode's occasional verse appeared in the numerous miscellanies of the time but a great deal of it has awaited Mr. Dobell's fortunate researches. He believes that future critics will rank Strode with Carew, Cartwright and Randolph, a to which we await confirmation. But the interesting thing is that Mr. Dobell, who has shown himself singularly lucky and intelligent as a discoverer of forgotten poets, suggests the possibility of still greater things. He writes:—"Nor do I at all despair of discovering other highly gifted poets of the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries whose writings have been lost or overlooked. I have found so many thing which previous investigators have missed that I do not now despair even of some day discovering an unknown poem or play of Shakespere's. I have now in my possession many manuscripts of the seventeenth century containing unprinted poems of high merit, which I hope in due course to publish."

MR. DOBELL'S GUEST.

Mr. Dobell's guest know, of course, that some of Shakespere's writings have totally disappeared; in the holocaust of 55 Elisabethan and Jacobean plays which was made by Betty Barnes, of infamous memory, there were several Shakspean items which have never been recovered, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility that Mr. Dobell's aspiration may be gratified. The surprising thing is that, amongst all the discoveries of manuscripts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries which have been made of recent years, there has been so little of first class importance in comparison with the quantity of work which we know to have disappeared. Not a single scrap of Shakespeare's literary work has been added to our libraries since the publication of the First Folio, seven years after his death: and yet there is probably a good deal of it hidden away somewhere in dusty old muniment-rooms and boxes of archives. The only one to hit upon any repository of this nature was William Henry Ireland, and unfortunately his friend in the Temple proved to be a disappointment. We do not particulary want to see a new Ireland, although he might provide the literary world with an agreeable sensation and an entertaining puzzle, and at least an Ireland of parts would be a refreshing change from the Bacon-Shakespere controversy. But we do cordially wish Mr. Dobell success in the quest of which he augurs so hopefully.

MR. METHUEN.

It is with much regret that we learnt that Mr Methuen, the well-known publisher has had to undergo a severe operation. Fortunately he is making an excellent recovery, and is on his way to convalescence. Mr. Methuen has done, and is doing, so much for literature that the news of his illness was a cause of considerable anxiety. His publishing lists always contain many admirable and valiable books, and many authors who are now distinguished owe their success to his friendly advice and encouragement. For he not only publishes books, but in many cases they are first solemel out in his brain. His wide knowledge of history and literature and his imagination enable him to suggest many works that should be written, and he also has the rare gift of finding the right people to carry out his ideas. And these are not always books dealing with "popular" subjects in the ordinary meaning of that word. Men and momen of expert knowledge and real authority have found themselves the authors of books that command wide sales owing to the helpful suggestions of Mr. Methuen.

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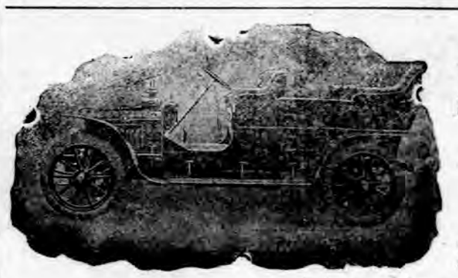

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